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Bush pulls Sofia envoy

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (AP): The United States is temporarily recalling its ambassador from Sofia to protest against the Bulgarian government's abuse of ethnic Turks, the State Department announced today.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said that despite private and public US appeals to the Bulgarian government, "the situation has just continued to get worse. The repression continues."

So far, some 310,000 Bulgarian Turks have fled to Turkey. The United States is considering giving the Turkish government refugee aid, Boucher said.

President George Bush has spoken several times to Turkey's leaders about the matter, Boucher said.

"As a result of the continuing abuse of human rights of Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish community... the department is recalling Ambassador Sol Polansky to Washington for consultations," Boucher said.

This is a diplomatic step that we felt was appropriate to take in order to register our concern with the government of Bulgaria," he added.

Polansky has not yet left Sofia and is expected to return there at some point after his talks in Washington, Boucher said.

He said Turkey had tried to make the exodus of the Bulgarian refugees "a more orderly process, and the Bulgarians have so far not taken them up on the offer."

US officials hope Bulgaria will improve its record toward the ethnic Turks minority before the meeting.

Cory masks \$100m loan from Brunei

MANILA, Aug 29. (Reuters): Brunei has agreed to lend the Philippines \$100 million to help reduce its debt and cope with its balance of payments, but a leading opposition senator accused President Corazon Aquino of concealing the deal.

Senators belonging to Aquino's ruling coalition confirmed the loan during a Senate debate today, in which they denied opposition charges that Aquino had tried to keep the transaction secret.

Aquino, in a message to the leaders of the two houses of Congress, said the loan was payable in 18 years with seven years grace, bore three per cent interest per annum, paid quarterly, and carried a zero interest rate.

Aquino, whose government is saddled with a \$28 billion foreign debt did not say when the loan was negotiated. She visited Brunei last Aug 2 to attend coming-of-age rites for the Brunei sultan's eldest son.

The text of the presidential message, dated Aug 4, was released to reporters for the first time today.

This highly concessional loan has been made available for broad balance of payments, debt reduction and project purposes of the Philippine government and is fully linked as to disbursement from any source in the world," Aquino said.

"The Kingdom of Brunei has requested that this transaction be handled with the utmost discretion which I am requesting from your office."

Rafsanjani wins

NICOSIA, Aug 29. (Reuters): Iran's Parliament today approved all 22 cabinet ministers chosen by the new President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Tehran Radio reported.

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Press bus pressed a bit too hard — Kuwaiti journalists among 15 slightly injured in crash

Kuwait, Egypt ink trade, aid accords

Amir opens Islamic centre

CAIRO, Aug 29. (Agencies): Kuwait and Egypt today signed three agreements following talks between officials of the two countries.

The first agreement facilitated trade exchange and customs regulations between the two countries and was signed by Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi and Egyptian Economy Minister Dr Yusri Mustafa.

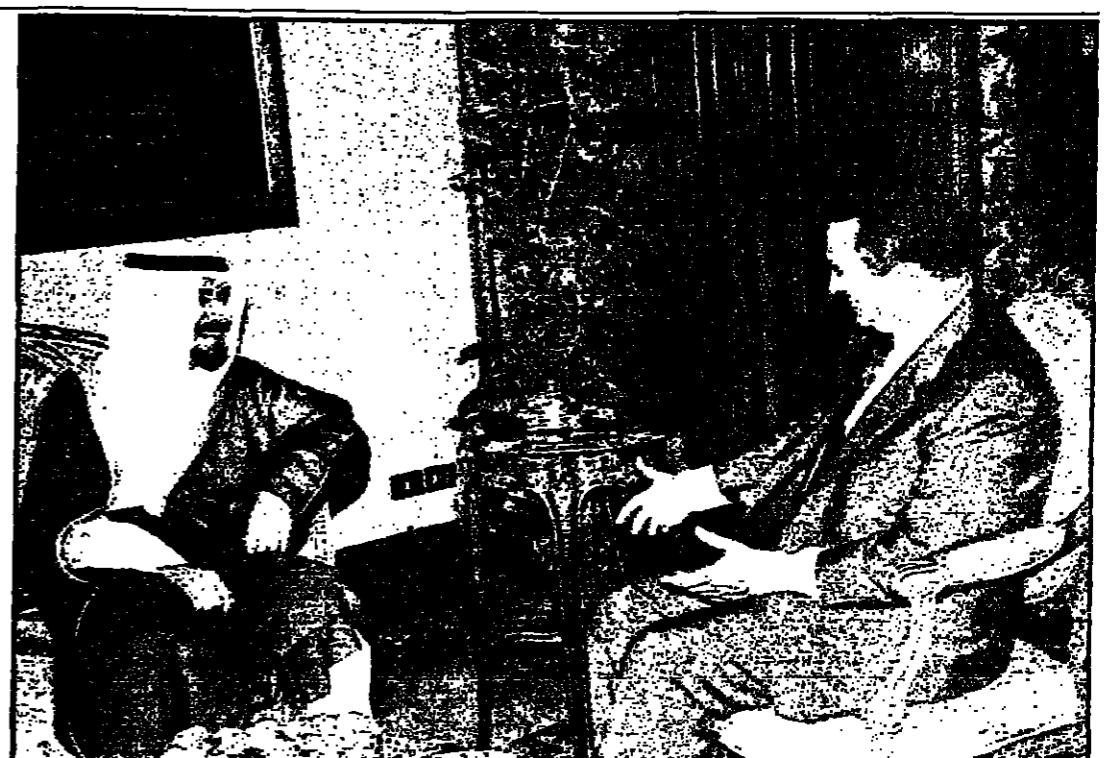
According to the second agreement, Kuwait would give Egypt a

KD10 million loan to finance an iron and steel project.

The loan agreement, signed by Khorafi for Kuwait and Industry Minister Mohammed Abdol Wahab for Egypt, is repayable over 10 years with a 3.5 percent interest rate and a four-year grace period.

Kuwait and Egypt today signed another accord on cultural, technical and scientific exchange covering the next three years 1989-91.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed signed for Kuwait while Egyptian Cultural Minister Farooq Husni signed for his country.



President Mubarak (right) meeting HH the Amir of Kuwait in Cairo.

SYRIAN SHELLS GUT BLOCKADE RUNNER



Smoke billowing from the Sunshield after it was hit by the Syrian shells. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seven burn to death

'Chances for peace good'

BEIRUT, Aug 29. (Agencies): A

Maltese-flag tanker carrying 2.5 million litres (\$500,000 gallons) of gasoline for Lebanon's beleaguered Christians was set afire by Syrian gunners early today when it tried to run a blockade, police reported.

Seven crewmen, including the Lebanese captain Johannes Garabedian, were killed, police said.

Two Lebanese crewmen were wounded and rescued by Coast Guard vessels. Two others were missing and feared dead.

The seven badly burned bodies were washed ashore on the coastal strip held by the Christians several hours after the tanker, the Sunshield, was hit, police reported.

Only three of the bodies, all Lebanese and including Garabedian, were immediately identifiable. But the dead and missing included four Egyptians and two Ghanaians who

were among the crew.

The attack on the Sunshield triggered a fierce five-hour artillery battle between the Syrian Army and Christian forces led by Gen Michel Aoun.

Police said three people were killed and 16 wounded before the fighting ebbed into sporadic mortar and machine gun exchanges.

Police said three of the wounded were Muslim firemen hit when a Christian 82mm mortar round exploded in the parking lot of a fire brigade station in West Beirut.

The casualties raised the known toll since fighting erupted March 8 to at least 902 killed and 2,268 wounded, including the Sunshield crewmen.

The attack on the tanker coincided with a visit to Beirut by French envoy Francois Scheer for talks with Christian and Muslim leaders on ways to

end the bloodletting.

Scheer, carrying a peace plan for Lebanon, said after meeting Aoun: "The chances for peace are still good."

But he added: "There can be no solution in Lebanon except a political one."

Scheer, who came from Damascus where he met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, later crossed the Green Line dividing Beirut for talks with Aoun's pro-Syrian rival, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

Diplomat in Damascus said France's peace plan stood little chance of winning the crucial backing of Assad, who supports Paris of sympathising with Aoun.

The French plan calls for a ceasefire, an arms embargo and reform of the Christian-dominated

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Hekmatyar pulls group

PESHAWAR, Aug 29. (Reuters): The Afghan rebel Party Hezbi Islami suspended its participation in the Pakistan-based Afghan rebel government today following reports of clashes with a rival party.

A communiqué from the group said it would not take part in cabinet meetings of the seven-party rebel interim government until elections were held in Afghanistan.

The party's leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is the foreign minister in the six-month-old rebel government formed after the Soviet Union completed the withdrawal of more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan.

A whale of a find off Oman

MUSCAT, Aug 29. (AP): US marine scientists today reported the netting of a dead baby whale shark that they said was the first baby specimen found in the Indian Ocean.

The baby whale shark, newly dead and measuring 62 centimetres (24.4 inches) long was caught 10 kilometres (six miles) of Muscat by Fahal Island in the Gulf of Oman.

"This is a very exciting find for fisheries science. Baby whale sharks are very rare," said marine biologist Jonathan Meu.

Cyclists carrying anti-government signs pedalled their way through New Delhi city centre yesterday in a show of support for the nation-wide general strike called by opposition parties for today. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bharat Bandh

India on alert

NEW DELHI, Aug 29. (Agencies): Authorities today placed security forces on full alert and braced for possible violence on the eve of a nationwide general strike called by the opposition trying to force Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to resign, officials said.

Opposition leaders urged the 186 million residents of the world's largest democracy to stay indoors and not to attend work tomorrow during the long "Bharat Bandh" — or India strike — largely aimed at escalating their anti-Rajiv drive in the runup to parliamentary elections.

Officials said they expect violence may erupt in western Gujarat and northern states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, which are ruled by Rajiv's Congress (I) Party and evolving into its key battlegrounds against the centrist Janata Dal opposition.

They predicted total adherence to the stoppage in the opposition-ruled eastern states of West Bengal and Assam, and southern Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, but held there will be a mixed response in marginal congress (I) Party-ruled states.

Major opposition parties — ranging from the Communist Party of India (Marxist) to the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — called the strike in July during a furor over a finding that Rajiv's government bungled a \$1.3 billion arms deal.

Police arrested at least 5,000 political workers across the country to prevent outbreaks of violence.

In other measures, the government asked thousands of its employees to stay in their offices overnight so they could report for duty tomorrow.

Officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said food and bedrolls were being provided for those staying over, and employees were allowed to bring their children to the office.

Senior government executives were being given rooms in luxury hotels near their offices, they said.

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Bangladeshi girl wins US; visa march to keep Khushi

OLYMPIA, Washington, Aug 29. (AP): The state of Washington will fight the deportation of a nine-year-old Bangladeshi girl who was molested by the man who brought her to America.

More than 200 people marched to the state Capitol yesterday to express their opposition to deporting the youngster, Khurshida Begum, known as Khushi. Afterwards, state officials said they would try to obtain an education visa for the girl, allowing her to stay indefinitely.

The girl was taken by state workers from a foster home last year because it wasn't "culturally appropriate." The girl's foster parents were among the marchers who demanded help for the youngster. The state Child Protective Services said it would review the case and fight deportation. Spokeswoman Irene Hopman said an education visa would be sought from the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service. She faces deportation when her visa expires Sept. 5.

The girl is one of several members of a Bangladeshi family that Stefan Christopher, 52, brought to this country. A UN consultant, he had married one of the girl's older sisters, separated from her and married another sister, age 12. Over the years he brought family members to work on his farm in this state in the northwestern corner of the country.

Christopher is in jail awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to taking indecent liberties with the girl and two other children.

Still victorious

Palestinian children raise the 'victory' sign as they perch atop the rubble of a Palestinian home demolished by the Israeli Army in the West Bank. (Reuters wirephoto)



'Run for your life'

Firefighters scramble down a hillside away from blazing trees as forest fires, stirred up by high winds, raged through a large area near Ax-en-Provence in the south of France. (Reuter wirephoto)

Forest fires kill 11

OLBIA, Sardinia, Aug 29. (Reuter): Fires raging through forest and scrubland of the Mediterranean island of Sardinia have killed at least 11 people, officials said today.

Police said shepherds seeking more grazing land or developers wanting to change zoning regulations may have set off the blaze, declared under control this morning.

Nearly all the victims were Italian tourists, including three children. Two families died trapped in cars as they tried to escape the fast-moving flames.

A woman identified only as Elisabeth Hugherer, 38, of West Germany, died in a Turin hospital where her husband is in critical condition.

The blaze was the worst since early August, when fires in the same north-east corner of the island destroyed more than 1,000 hectares (2,500 acres) and killed nine people.

Thousands of tourists, ranging from campers to residents of hotels of the island's expensive Emerald Coast, were evacuated last night as a precautionary measure.

A blaze which raged through the night on the northern outskirts of Marseille was also brought under control today as new fires erupted along the French Riviera coast.

The Marseille fire, which began on hills overlooking the Mediterranean port city, ravaged 15 homes and threatened apartment blocks before being quelled shortly after dawn.

Earthquake shakes Rome

ROME, Aug 29. (AP): An earthquake just south of the capital woke some residents early today but caused no damage or injuries.

The epicentre was in the Alban hills southeast of the city known as the Castelli Romani.

Newspapers reported that police received hundreds of calls from frightened residents but that no injuries or damages had been reported.

The quake occurred at 1:22 am (2322 GMT Monday) and measured six on the Mercalli scale, which gauges the intensity of an earthquake as felt in a specific location.

IJI aggressively persecuting PPP members

ISLAMABAD, Aug 29. (KUNA): The Islami Jamhoori Ittehad, an alliance of eight parties opposed to the Pakistan Peoples Party, has become more aggressive in its row with the PPP.

After the confirmation of bail before arrest by Lahore High Court yesterday of two Punjab PPP leaders, the IJI score is six against three of the PPP.

President of Punjab Peoples Party Fakhar Zaman and president of Gujrat district PPP Mian Mushtaq Paganwala, were prosecuted



Students clash

Seoul police storm campus

SEOUL, Aug 29. (AP): Radical students screaming anti-government slogans hurled rocks and firebombs at police and captured and beat three officers in the southern city of Kwangju today.

The three riot policemen were captured when 1,000 students battled police at Chonnam University, said Yonhap, the South Korean news agency.

Police retaliated by storming the campus with 1,300 troopers firing tear gas, Yonhap said. It said the three policemen were released and taken to a hospital, and about 10 students were arrested.

Rallies demanding the overthrow of the government and the release of a student charged with illegally visiting communist North Korea were held at 17 schools in Seoul and 10 in provincial cities, the state-run KBS television said.

About 700 students in the capital fought riot police with clubs, rocks and firebombs, news reports said.

In the southeastern port of Pusan, about 1,000 students wielding firebombs and rocks clashed with police firing tear gas at Donga University in a battle that lasted 90 minutes, Yonhap said.

"Release Miss Im Su-Kyoung, Flower of Unification," students shouted.

A South Korean police officer is shown in silhouette, holding a shield and a baton, ready for action.

The other four PPP or pro-PPP people against whom the IJI government in the Punjab has framed charges on different counts are: Mohammad Asghar Gurkhi, member of National Assembly from Kasur (for gold smuggling from India), Salman Taseer, deputy leader of the PPP group in the Punjab Assembly (for inciting people to violence), Syed Munaz, pro-PPP executive editor of Daily Mashriq, Lahore and Azz Mazar its pro-PPP editor.

Their warrants of arrest were issued on charges of unruly behaviour and use of illegal arms on the election day. Fakhar was also charged with stealing Rs 2,000 in cash and a wrist watch from an IJI worker near a polling station.

Sri Lankans are living in terror

WADDUWA, Sri Lanka, Aug 29. (Reuter): A charred body, one foot protruding into the air, smouldered on a pile of rubber tyres in this tranquil fishing village today, the latest evidence of an insidious terror that stalks Sri Lanka.

"The body was burned last night, government people said thus, said one of 10 villagers staring at the pyre.

The villagers in Wadduwa, some 20 miles (32 km) south of Colombo, had little else to do since left wing rebels seeking to overthrow Sri Lanka's government had ordered them not to work this week.

Failure to obey strike calls from the People's Liberation Front (JVP), a group of militant youths from the majority Sinhalese community, can mean death.

The organisation has been accused of killing over 3,000 people since it launched its campaign to topple the government just

over two years ago. The government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa vowed to meet killings with killings and the death toll on the Indian Ocean island has reached massive proportions, diplomats say.

Thousands of innocent people have been arrested and many of them have disappeared in a massive security sweep launched by the government two months ago, according to human rights lawyers based in the capital, Colombo.

One of those lawyers, Kanchana Abeypala, was gunned down at his Colombo flat yesterday.

At Panadura, a village near Wadduwa on the west coast, 14 people were massacred yesterday in an apparent retaliation for the killing of a woman soldier and her family by JVP rebels, military sources and residents said.

"People are living from day to day, terrified," said a Western diplomat. "Nobody knows who is doing the killing anymore."

Reporting in an island that used to be one of the West's favourite Third World tourist destinations is dangerous, partly because vigilante squads hunting the JVP work outside the law, Sri Lankan journalists say.

A few minutes after two journalists arrived in Wadduwa, six armed men dressed in local sarongs and toting Chinese-made T56 assault rifles pulled up beside the blackened body.

After toying with the idea of ordering the two strangers to get into their van, the bandit set for confiscating camera film before tearing out of the village in a cloud of dust.

Known by titles such as "black cats,"

"yellow cats," and "green tigers," the vigilante squads carry out their own summary retribution against JVP suspects.

Visitors to Colombo frequently report seeing bodies rotting by the roadside, some with their heads burned off by petrol-soaked tyres.

In Wadduwa, the unidentified body smouldered in front of the charred remains of a post office that had been set on fire on Sunday.

Sri Lankans say destruction of government property is frequently the work of the JVP, which operates throughout all of the Sinhalese-speaking part of the island.

The government imposed a six-hour curfew in July, but in any case few Sri Lankans venture outside their homes after nightfall. Armed soldiers and police patrol the streets day and night.

Bodos blast bombs kill 12

NEW DELHI, Aug 29. (Agencies): Tribal militants today detonated a bomb hidden in a bus in northeast India, killing at least 12 passengers, a day after agreeing to temporarily halt a violent campaign for a separate state, news reports said.

United News of India said the bomb exploded on a state-owned bus in the northeastern state of Assam, where militants from the Bodo tribe have been fighting for their own state.

The news agency quoted unnamed officials as saying the bomb was planted by Bodo militants and left at least 12 people dead and 35 others injured.

In New Delhi, Bodo leaders said yesterday they had agreed to temporarily halt their campaign following talks with federal government officials and the chief minister of Assam state.

Upendra Brahma, one of the leaders, said the demand for a separate Bodo state must be met by 1990 or the group would resume violence.

During the talks, Brahma agreed to temporarily stop the group's often violent campaign, which has seriously affected the economy of the northeastern region and timber-growing state.

Assam government spokesman JK Dass, speaking before today's attack, welcomed the agreement but he warned that if violence resumed, the government would respond. The Assam government has special powers that allow police to arrest and detain any suspect without trial for up to one year.

The Bodo problem has been simmering for more than 20 years, but it turned violent earlier this year.

Bodo leaders claim that 1,500 of their comrades have died in police actions by the Assam government and that 15,000 houses have been damaged by Assamese, leaving 100,000 people homeless.

The Press Trust of India said among the dead was a former state legislator, Amir Hansda.

It added enraged survivors beat up three Bodo passengers, who were later handed over to police in an unconscious state.

The Press Trust reported occupants aboard a second bus driving near the state capital of Guwahati, discovered an unclaimed bag containing a bomb.

The passengers hurled the device out of the window, but a fire erupted between Bodos and Hindu passengers, and the clash left one person dead and eight others wounded, the agency said.

Velayati on visit to India

NICOSIA, Aug 29. (Agencies): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati flew to India today to discuss international issues, including the Non-Aligned Movement, Tehran Radio reported.

Velayati told the radio before leaving Tehran that he carried a message from Iran's President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Iran has sent envoys to several non-aligned countries — including Yugoslavia, Cuba, North Korea, Cyprus and Indonesia — ahead of the Non-Aligned summit due to open in Belgrade on Monday.



Victim of Sikh attack

A man, console his relative on Monday, injured when Sikh militants attacked a train in the north Indian state of Punjab. (Reuter wirephoto)

Train operations suspended in Punjab

Sikhs blow up railroad track

AMRITSAR, Aug 29. (AP): Sikh militants blew up sections of a railroad track in northern Punjab state, forcing authorities to suspend train operations, police said today.

It was the sixth such attack in two months, they said.

A.K. Sharma, senior superintendent of police at Majithia, said at least two metres (6.5 feet) of track were destroyed when the militants exploded a powerful bomb late yesterday.

No one was hurt in the blast, but seven empty cars of an Amritsar-bound train derailed when it approached the damaged track.

The train, which had no passengers, was being readied for a journey to New Delhi from Amritsar. About 1 1/2 hours before the explosion, police said, a train with 600 passengers had crossed the track near Jhansi, about 25 kilometres (15 miles) north of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

The railroad track connects the border state with rest of India.

Sikh radicals have been fighting for an independent Sikh nation in Punjab since 1982. They alleged discrimination by the Hindus, India's religious majority.



Waiting in 'ambush'

American and Thai troops, launched from warships offshore, assaulted a beach today on the Gulf of Thailand to climax six weeks of war games.

Several thousand local villagers watched as troops and tanks landed before sunrise from amphibious craft. Helicopters clattered overhead, providing simulated support.

A statement said 4,000 US Marines and naval personnel from both countries joined in the exercise, code-named "Thalay Tha: 89," which included manoeuvres on land after the landing.

Picture shows two young Buddhist monks walk past as an unidentified American Marine takes up position for an ambush. (Reuter wirephoto)

The report said that at 19 out of 126 hazardous locations, there would be difficulty in putting out fires because of the positioning of fire extinguishers. (KUNA)

Yaqub Khan for Riyadh

ISLAMABAD, Aug 29. (KUNA): The trauma of the missing Fokker plane was still over the fifth day today as all efforts to locate it proved abortive.

Search operations aimed at locating the Pakistani airliner, which vanished on Friday morning with 54 people aboard shortly after take-off from Gilgit airport for Islamabad, were abandoned early today as weather in the mountainous northern areas worsened.

It was close to mid-day when the authorities gave up the aerial search which would be resumed tomorrow if weather conditions were permitting.

Today's operations were carried out in the vicinity of Babusar pass where the plane was last spotted by two Britishers as they were trekking towards Nanga Parbat mountain. Petrol Glacier.

Inclement weather also adversely affected the ground operations in which the Pakistan Army and the semi-military Frontier Corps are involved along with local police and administration.

The propeller-driven Fokker — carrying 49 passengers and five crew — disappeared on a flight from Gilgit to Islamabad.

INTERNATIONAL

Kermit and company get a new boss

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida, Aug 29. (AP): Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog danced a jig with Mickey and Minnie Mouse as the Walt Disney entertainment empire, Monday, acquired the Muppet menagerie and the services of their creator, Jim Henson.

The merger of the two kiddie entertainment giants will blend the colourful characters from "The Muppet Show" — the most widely seen television programme in the world with an estimated 235 million viewers in some 100 countries.

— into Disney's theme parks, movies, TV shows and retail merchandising products. Henson also will create new characters for Disney.

Henson and Walt Disney Co. Chairman Michael Eisner refused to disclose the purchase price, which reportedly was between \$100 million and \$150 million.

Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch and the Cookie Monster will be staying on "Sesame Street," a highly popular and successful children's television show. Henson's creations for the children's series are

not part of Disney's takeover of Henson Associates Inc., and he'll keep working with that show.

The announcement came at the new Disney-MGM studios at Disney World.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse were performing their regular show when Miss Piggy and Kermit bounded onto the open-air stage. The four danced a jig and kissed each other on the cheek, to applause from several hundred spectators.

"I've loved Disney. I grew up on its movies... and I'm happy to have the Mup-

pets at the parks," said the bearded Henson, who created Kermit in 1955 and followed that up with Miss Piggy, Animal, Fozzie Bear, Gonzo, Scooter and others.

Henson and Eisner said few details have been worked out on Disney's plans for the Muppets. But work has begun on a new Muppet theatre, to open next May, featuring 3-D technology and Disney's "audioanimatronic" robots.

The Disney chairman said the acquisition would reinforce Disney's stable of personalities.

Cult slayer suffers AIDS

MEXICO CITY, Aug 29. (AP): A member of the Mexican cult accused of carrying out human sacrifices in Matamoros is suffering from AIDS, a defence lawyer says.

The government news agency Notimex also reported yesterday that Omar Francisco Orea Ochoa, 23, has acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Judicial officials confirmed that Orea had been transferred to a prison hospital but refused to disclose his ailment.

The diagnosis was revealed in a medical report delivered to prison officials on Aug 2, defence attorney Horacio Moyar Quintanilla said.

"He has AIDS," the lawyer said in a telephone interview. "That's what the doctors told me."

Moyar Quintanilla represents the woman who prosecutors say was the cult's "godmother," 24-year-old Sara Maria Aldrete Vilchez.

The lawyer said the medical report on Ms Aldrete said she did not have the disease even though both she and Orea Ochoa had been lovers of cult leader Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, 26.

AIDS is usually transmitted through sex or tainted blood. There is no known cure for the disease, which destroys the body's immune system.

Several other cult members were also: Constanzo's lovers, according to court testimony in these cases.

Orea Ochoa told the Associated Press in an interview that he and Constanzo had lived together for more than five years. Ms Aldrete said she had known him for about 18 months.

Constanzo died in a May 6 shootout when police closed in on the Mexico City apartment where he, Orea Ochoa, Aldrete and two other members of the cult were hiding.

They had been on the run since the discovery in April of 15 mutilated bodies on a ranch near Matamoros. One law officer described the cult "temple" as resembling a "human slaughterhouse."

Robbers steal ton of silver

RENO, Nevada, Aug 29. (AP): Two shotgun-toting robbers stole more than a ton of unprocessed silver from a remote mine in a case so well planned that authorities suspect the crooks had inside information, police said.

Authorities said yesterday they had no solid leads or suspects in the robbery late Saturday night at Trinity Silver mine in Lavelock, about 90 miles (144 kilometres) northeast of Reno.

The impure silver was worth more than \$200,000, authorities said.

Gene Smith, spokesman for Los Angeles-based US Borax Co., which owns part of the mine, said the robbers carted off the loot using a wheelbarrow and truck and then left spikes in the road to flatten tires of any pursuers.

A man wearing a red ski mask and armed with a 12-gauge shotgun confronted two mine employees, tied them with duct tape and then loaded up 1.25 tons of silver buttons, wheelbarrow by wheelbarrow, onto a pickup truck outside.

Bakker fears assassination: lawyer TV preacher on firing line



Bakker, left, arrives at federal court accompanied by his lawyer, George Davis. (Reuter wirephoto)

The active voice
Calling card

NEW YORK, Aug 29. (AP): Credit cards that repeat only to their owner's voice have been invented by scientists at Bell Communications Research, it was announced yesterday.

A spokesman for the concert organisers said on Tuesday that all 5,700 tickets for the Sept 26 concert had sold out within hours of going on sale on Monday.

The post office had planned to sell them all over Norway so that everyone would have a fair chance. But its computer system collapsed just minutes after the sale started.

Sales were then continued through ticket booths in six of Norway's main towns. (Reuter)

LONGVIEW, Washington: The Reverend Blankenship left the US Navy in 1946, but the Defence Department did not forget: it tracked him down to return the canteen he left decades ago on a south Pacific island beach.

A couple found the canteen while touring World War II battle sites in the New Georgia Islands, near New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

Blankenship's name, rank, serial number and blood type were etched into the back of the rusty canteen.

The finders — Pete and Betty Madley, of Shelby, Ohio — assumed that Blankenship had been killed. They contacted US Sen John Glenn and asked him to help locate Blankenship's next of kin. Through the Defence Department, they learned he was very much alive.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana: A court in Guyana rejected a 12-year-old girl's request to marry the man who got her pregnant, and instead ruled to investigate him for unlawful sexual conduct, a newspaper said Friday.

High court judge Lemmon Perry on Thursday threw out the girl's petition on the grounds that her attempt to secure a favourable ruling was a gimmick to avoid prosecution of Seena Seepersaud for carnal knowledge of a juvenile, the state-owned chronicle newspaper said.

The judge instead ordered police to investigate the relationship between Seepersaud, in his 20s, and the girl, who live in rural Berbice county in eastern Guyana.

Seepersaud told the court he wanted to marry the girl. She produced a doctor's certificate showing that she was six weeks pregnant. She told the court she was aware that due to her age, she must get the court's permission to marry, since even her parents' approval would not be enough. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Randy and Grace Quinones got married five years ago after meeting on a commuter van they took to work each day.

Last Thursday, they celebrated with Mayor Tom Bradley the 10th anniversary of the van-pool programme that shuttles more than 21 per cent of the employees to and from the Downtown Transamerica Centre.

"It's good for everyone," Bradley said. "You can read, sleep... you can even propose for marriage if you like."

Quinones, 32, sporting a top hat, and his 31-year-old wife, clutching a bouquet, said they met in 1981 when he was the designated driver of the van she took each day from Ontario, about 35 miles (55 kilometres) east of downtown.

He eyed her in the rearview mirror for about a month before he got the nerve to ask her out on a date. Three years later, they were married.

NEW YORK: Actor William Hurt used religious doctrine to induce his former lover, Sandra Jennings, to live with him in common-law marriage, Jennings' lawyer reportedly charged in a legal brief filed last week.

Lawyer Richard Golub said Hurt used the phrases, "spiritual marriage" and "marriage in God's eyes," New York Newsday reported Friday.

Jennings, 32, a former dancer with the New York City ballet, suing to have her relationship with Hurt, 39, declared a marriage based on four weeks they lived together while he filmed *The Big Chill* in South Carolina.

There is no doubt that the defendant used the techniques of religious doctrine and argument to induce (Jennings) to marry him, common-law fashion," Newsday quoted Golub as charging in an 89-page brief filed last Wednesday. The newspaper said it reviewed that brief and Hurt's lawyers' 54-page reply, though both documents were confidential because the case is matrimonial. (AP)

US political columnist Joseph W. Alsop dies of cancer at 78

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (UPI): Joseph Wright Alsop Jr., the politically influential journalist whose prominent career began with the Lindbergh kidnapping trial and spanned nearly 50 years, died of cancer and emphysema at age 78.

Alsop died peacefully yesterday at his home in Georgetown, said his longtime secretary Jan Wentworth. Alsop suffered from severe anaemia, emphysema and lung cancer, and retired in 1975. He under-

went heart surgery in the early 1980s.

During his career, the chain-smoking Alsop became one of America's most influential and widely read political columnists between the end of World War II and the Vietnam War.

Alsop was born Oct 11, 1910, in Avon, Connecticut, where his father was a tobacco grower, an insurance executive and a state legislator. His mother was a distant cousin of Presidents Franklin

Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt. She had also served in the state legislature.

In 1932 Alsop graduated from Harvard University, and shortly thereafter he went to work for the now-defunct New York Herald Tribune, where his family had connections and arranged a job for him.

In 1934, Alsop distinguished himself with his coverage of the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who was convicted

of kidnapping and killing the son of flier Charles Lindbergh. Two years later, Alsop moved to Washington to cover news in the nation's capital.

Alsop was an aide to Gen. Claire Chennault in China during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese at Hong Kong and interned until June 1942, when he was exchanged and returned to the United States.



Violence mars fest

30 officers hurt, 250 arrested

LONDON, Aug 29. (Agencies): Scotland Yard said today that 30 of its officers were injured and 250 people were arrested during violence at the end of a two-day Afro-Caribbean festival.

The clashes took place at the close last night of what earlier had been called the most peaceful of the Afro-Caribbean festivals, held each of the past 24 years during a holiday weekend.

"There was a outbreak of disorder which started at about eight," a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

"Our officers were attacked by groups of youths throwing missiles."

Police estimated 200,000 people on Sunday and 300,000 yesterday jammed London streets to see costume parades, street performers and bands in what has become a cultural focal point for London's black community.

One officer was stabbed in the stomach and hospitalized but was not seriously hurt and other

injuries were minor, said the yard headquarters of the London police. Seven civilians were hurt, it said.

The Yard said charges against those arrested included possession of offensive weapons, drugs offences and disorderly behaviour.

It blamed groups of youths "determined to provoke disorder" for violence in the carnival's closing house when police were pelted with cans and bottles.

Police with riot shields tackled the youths and made arrests. The yard said about 5,000 officers were on the streets, some of horseback, and a police helicopter buzzed overhead as the violence flared.

Conservative lawmaker Terry Dicks said the carnival should be banned because of the cost of policing it which he estimated at £1 million (\$1.56 million) this year.

4 killed as party becomes blood-bath

Husband guns down wife

Ethics inquiry sought

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (Agencies): US Congressman George Frank is asking the House Ethics Committee to investigate his former relationship with a male prostitute.

"Questions have been raised about my employment of a personal assistant during a period between 1985 to 1987," Frank wrote in a letter to the chairman of the Ethics Committee. "I have publicly responded to these questions, and I have expressed regret for the mistaken judgement for the male prostitute."

Bakker is still held in high esteem by some PTL contributors despite his admission to a one-time sexual encounter with former church secretary Jessica Hahn nine years ago.

Pay off

A former aide to evangelist Jim Bakker testified that the founder of the PTL ministry used church money to pay Hahn to keep quiet about their tryst.

David Taggart testified yesterday, the first day of Bakker's fraud and conspiracy trial, that his former boss also used church money to buy homes, expensive cars and to finance luxurious trips to seaside resorts.

A prosecutor, citing what he called excesses in Bakker's lifestyle, said on one occasion the minister and his wife bought \$100 worth of cinnamon rolls from a bakery because they liked the aroma, and threw the rolls out from their hotel suite three days later without eating a single one.

Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$5 million if found guilty of all of the charges against him.

Bakker quit his PTL ministry in March 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff made to her to keep her quiet. Davis said the Hahn payment was made without Bakker's knowledge.

Taggart was the only witness to testify yesterday. He was to take the stand again today as the trial continued.

In order to ensure that the public record is clear, I hereby request that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, conduct an investigation into these matters," Frank said in yesterday's letter to Committee chairman Julian Dixon.

House rules require that a member act "at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House." The Ethics Committee already is looking into cases involving three other members accused of sexual improprieties.

Frank pledged to co-operate fully with investigators and asked that the probe be conducted quickly.

The liberal Democrat acknowledged Friday that he had paid for sex with a male prostitute, then hired the man, Steve Gobie, to do household chores and run errands.

Saying he was "victimized,"

Frank said he fired Gobie two years ago when he became suspicious that Gobie was selling sex from Frank's Capitol Hill apartment.

Gobie alleges Frank knew about the prostitution ring at his apartment. Frank denies that.

Frank and fellow Massachusetts Democrat Gerry Studds are the two House members who have publicly acknowledged they are homosexual.

Lesbian lover faces trial

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Aug 29. (UPI): A woman accused in the death of her lesbian lover faced trial yesterday in what is believed to be the first test of her squalid abuse statute by a lesbian in the United States.

Lawyers for Annette Green, 30, plan to argue that she shot to death her lover, Ivonne Julio, 32, last year because Julio physically and mentally abused her during their 11-year relationship.

The so-called battered spouse syndrome ordinarily is used by women who are abused by male lovers they claim are powerless to leave.

"This is a new issue," New York University professor Holly Maguigan, an expert on domestic violence, told the Miami Herald. "But it is not surprising... The dynamics in a same-sex relationship are often similar to those in a heterosexual relationship."

Maguigan, an expert on domestic violence, said this is first case of its kind in the nation.

Julio died of a gunshot wound to the head suffered Oct. 30, 1988 in a trailer park after a Halloween party and a fight between the lovers. Witnesses say they saw Green kick Julio during the party, courts records show.

Assistant state attorney Bob Johnson said he does not believe Green, and plans to seek the death penalty if she is convicted.

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Alsop, a powerful voice

INTERNATIONAL

Murder, Mexicans may be charged

LOS ANGELES, Aug 29. (AP): A prosecutor has said in court that former officials of the Mexican government may be implicated in connection with the torture murder of US drug agent Enrique Camarena.

The comments by assistant US attorney Jimmy Gurule came during a federal hearing yesterday at which he won the continued imprisonment of a material witness who is the brother-in-law of former Mexican president Luis Echeverria.

The prosecutor told US district judge Edward Rafeedie that the "political clout" of Ruben Zuno Arce makes him a key witness in the ongoing probe of Camarena's 1983 murder.

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Gurule argued in favour of the continued imprisonment of Zuno, who has been held since Aug 9 as a material witness without any charges filed against him.

Zuno testified before a grand jury last Thursday, but Gurule said he did not conclude the questioning and wants him to return next Thursday.

Gurule said he believes that Zuno acted as "a go-between" for politicians and drug traffickers including Rafael Caro Quintero. Caro has been accused of ordering Camarena's execution and is awaiting trial in Mexico.

Camarena allegedly was tortured and murdered at a home that Caro bought indirectly from Zuno. Gurule said the government wants information about transfer of the property.

The kidnapping and torture murder of Camarena and his pilot, Alfredo Zavala-Avelar, became an international accident. The US Drug Enforcement Administration has pledged to try to arrest and prosecute every person involved in the murders. Several members of the Mexican federal police force were linked to the killings and one, Raul Lopez Alvarez, was convicted last year along with two drug traffickers.

Swindall guilty of perjury

ATLANTA, Aug 29. (UPI): Former US Congressman Pat Swindall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$30,000 yesterday for lying to a grand jury about his knowledge of a scheme to launder illegal drug profits.

Swindall, a Republican who lost a bid for re-election following his legal troubles in 1988, could have been sentenced up to five years in prison and given a \$250,000 fine on each of nine counts of perjury.

Officials recommended Swindall serve his term in a federal minimum-security prison, possibly in Atlanta.

Government prosecutors had recommended Swindall serve 37 months in prison and be fined \$75,000. Federal guidelines prohibited judges from sentencing Swindall to probation, requiring that he serve at least 10 months in prison.

Swindall's wife, Kim, held his hand and patted him on the back as the judge pronounced sentence.

"I think it's a fair sentence, an appropriate sentence for anyone found guilty of perjury," Swindall said after the hearing.

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Colombian money launderer arrested

Bombing campaign by drug traffickers

BOGOTA, Aug 29. (Agencies): Authorities have announced the capture of a major drug trafficking figure wanted in the United States as President Virgilio Barco blamed US drug users for causing the violence wracking his country.

"Those of you who depend on cocaine have created the largest, most vicious criminal enterprise the world has known," Barco said in a videotaped English-language address delivered yesterday to US television.

Bombs blew up six state liquor stores today in the Colombian drug capital of Medellin and one bomb damaged a travel agency in Bogota, police said.

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Colombia judges in danger

BOGOTA, Aug 29. (Reuters): Colombia's judges, under threat of death from cocaine barons, face a spiralling murder rate in society at a time when crimes are increasingly difficult to punish, legal experts say.

The situation is one of anguish, Marcia Cristina Mercedes, of the independent Andean Commission of Jurists, told Reuters.

"There is impunity in general for all crimes and as one example I can say that suspects are detained in only about 10 per cent of crimes."

While there were about 16,000 murders last year in Colombia, a nation of about 30 million people, there were only slightly more — 20,675 murders — in the United States, which has a population of about 246 million.

In Bogota, the murder rate in the first seven months of 1989 was 30 per cent higher than in 1988, said police major Guillermo Santos, who compiles crime statistics for the United States.

The feeling of insecurity extends to the heart of the legal system. Colombia's 4,379 judges themselves.

Last week, after the government launched a crackdown on the country's cocaine cartels following the assassinations of a leading presidential candidate, a judge and a police chief, the drug barons threatened to kill 10 Colombian judges for each drug trafficker extradited to the United States.

The judges have staged two strikes this month to press

for greater government protection in the face of death threats.

More than 50 judges have been killed this decade.

According to the Judges Association, the 1,500 or so judges who handle narcotics cases have all been threatened.

The Justice Ministry is trying to secure money for more armoured cars and bodyguards to protect judges.

Yesterday, Justice Minister Monica de Greiff, who received death threats last week, met in Washington US Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh to discuss \$2.5 million the United States will provide to help protect judges.

Even if judges go into exile, as at least six have already, their families remain vulnerable here.

One judge who went into exile last year after indicating a reputed Medellin drug cartel leader escaped death. But her father, a former state governor, was killed by motorcycle-borne assassins last May in what was widely seen as an US counterpart, Thornburgh.

The reason for the increase in the murder rate in Colombia, a senior judicial official said, was the increase in massacres, defined as the killings of four persons or more.

There were 88 massacres last year, claiming 674 victims, said an adviser to President Virgilio Barco. The massacres, by right-wing groups accounted for 58 per cent of the victims, followed by drug trafficking groups with 12 per cent, he said.

UK Labour attacks mercenaries

'Cancel passports'

LONDON, Aug 29. (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party was today continuing its campaign to cancel the passports of UK mercenaries said to be training the jungle armies of Colombia's cocaine barons.

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman George Foulkes, who was taking up the matter with the

Foreign Office, has said removing the passports would cripple the activities of men "heaping shame on Britain's head."

He added that airports and all other points of entry likely to be used by these people "in the course of their criminal work could easily be notified that the passports they carry are declared null and void."

Sixth man held in NY racial murder

NEW YORK, Aug 29. (AP): A sixth man has been arrested in connection with the slaying of a 16-year-old black youth attacked by a bat-wielding gang of whites in a case that has renewed debate over race relations in New York City.

Joseph Soriano, 20, surrendered yesterday to detectives and was charged with first-degree assault, first-degree riot, aggravated harassment, menacing and civil rights violations, said officer Edward Feeney, a police spokesman. In the neighbourhood of Bensonhurst, where Yussef

Hawkins was shot to death Wednesday night, there were signs that tempers were cooling off following two days of racial confrontations.

About a dozen blacks led about 150 white residents on a short walk through the streets where the killing occurred. Dozens of people, angry over a third day of demonstrations in the neighbourhood, stood facing the demonstrators but were quieter and less confrontational than residents of the predominantly white community had been Saturday and Sunday.

Drug baron acted god

Townspeople terrorised

PACHO, Colombia, Aug 29. (AP): Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha went from raising pigs to the life of a wealthy cocaine magnate, establishing his whim as law and terrorising townspeople in the city of Pacho, an army colonel said.

The crackdown on Colombia's drug traffickers led the army last week about 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of the capital of Bogota to Pacho, a city of 20,000 people. Here, Rodriguez Gacha was so feared that when his teen-age son wanted to have a few drinks, the bar closed its doors to everyone else until his thirst was quenched.

Freddy Rodriguez — the 18-year-old prince of his father's drug empire — and seven bodyguards were arrested in a government raid last Thursday.

Rodriguez Gacha is one of the bosses of the cocaine cartel based in the industrial city of Medellin. The Medellin cartel is believed to be the world's largest cocaine-trafficking organisation, suspected of supplying 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped to the United States.

Few who live in Pacho would talk with a reporter who visited following the raid. But Jaime Uscategui Ramirez, the army colonel who led the raids, related in an interview what residents had told him.

Uscategui Ramirez said townspeople said that fear led them to clear out when Rodriguez Gacha's son visited a bar. But they also said the drug baron could be extremely generous.

At one of his ranches, the army found 500 dolls wrapped to be given as gifts to peasants next Christmas.

But there also was a wooden gallows on the ranch. Uscategui Ramirez said it did not appear sturdy enough to hang someone and may have been intended as a macabre symbol.

Uscategui Ramirez estimated Rodriguez Gacha's wealth at \$1 billion.

"We know that he gave away some 3 million pesos (roughly \$7,500) daily. It may appear like an exaggeration, but it is not. After all, with just one single cocaine shipment abroad he was more than compensated," the colonel said.

The colonel spoke while sitting behind a desk in one of several houses at Rodriguez Gacha's horse breeding ranch.

The Pacho raid was part of a crackdown ordered by President Virgilio Barco after the assassination of the country's leading presidential candidate, Senator Luis Carlos Galan, authorities have blamed the Aug 18 slaying on drug traffickers.

Government officials say that property worth more than \$200 million has been seized as part of the crackdown, including 300 ranches, houses and apartments. Newspapers have calculated that the drug traffickers own property in Colombia worth \$3.5 billion.

The economic impact of the crackdown has already had repercussions in Colombian communities.

"Just a few days ago this town thrived on Saturday nights and restaurants like this one were packed. And, now, look. You are my only customers," Blanca Castro, who runs a restaurant in Pacho, told a reporter.

"This town is dead," she said, her voice hushed.

Uscategui Ramirez said he expected townspeople initially to resent the government's attempt to break up the drug empire.

"But in the end they will adapt to the new situation," he said.

For years Pacho was almost entirely owned by Rodriguez Gacha, known as El Mexicano because of his love for Mexican culture. Most of Pacho's workers were directly or indirectly employed by Rodriguez Gacha.

Cuban minister may get 20 yrs

Drug scandal

MEXICO CITY, Aug 29. (AP):

Cuba's former interior minister may get 20 years in prison for his role in that country's drug and corruption scandal, while six ministry officials face prison terms ranging up to 15 years, according to the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina.

Prosecutors requested the sentences Sunday after four days of testimony before a military tribunal, the official news agency reported from Havana.

It did not say when verdicts and sentences were expected in the case.

Ministry officials for whom prosecutors asked sentences of eight to 15 years include the former vice interior minister and the former head of customs, the agency said.

Gen. Jose Abrantes Fernandez, the former interior minister, and his co-defendants were charged with using their posts to enrich themselves.

Castro fired Abrantes as interior minister in June, when 12 military officers from the ministry and two from the army were charged with drug smuggling and other crimes.

Nearly 300 were killed in rioting on Feb 27-28 to protest against government austerity measures.

■ **Peru:** Peru's new Education Minister, Efrain Orrego, took office yesterday in what political analysts said could be the first of a series of cabinet changes to improve the image of the government of President Alan Garcia before nation-wide elections in November.

Huey Newton eulogized

'Minister of the street' mourned

OAKLAND, California, Aug 29. (UPI): About 2,000 mourners jammed services "of celebration" yesterday for slain Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton, who fellow radical H. Rap Brown said "paid the price of struggling" against black oppression.

"He was a minister of the street," Brown, fiery black power advocate of the 1960s, told the racially diverse audience of 1,300 people at the Allen Temple Baptist Church, where Newton was a member.

Another 500 to 600 people gathered outside to hear the services of loudspeakers. Many thrust fists into the air and declared, "Huey P. is alive and well."

Brown, in traditional Arabic dress and introduced by his Arabic name, Imam Jamil Abdullah Al Amin, was one of many speakers who praised the turbulent life of Newton, who



was gunned down on an Oakland street Aug 22.

Brown said Newton's lifelong fight on behalf of blacks, even though he "paid the price of struggling," was the "essence of the life and death of Huey."

INTERNATIONAL

Galaxies still forming, chance discovery proves

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (UPI): Astronomers reported yesterday discovery of a giant hydrogen cloud that could be an unborn galaxy and possibly provide the first strong evidence new star systems are still being formed.

Scientists from the National Science Foundation and Cornell University accidentally discovered the cloud — 10 times larger than our own Milky Way galaxy — while adjusting a radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Many astronomers have thought all galaxies were formed billions of years ago, shortly after the "big bang." But other scientists have argued some galaxies may still be forming.

Riccardo Giovanelli, a radio astronomer expert with the Science Foundation, said he considers the newly discovered cloud the best proof yet that galaxy formation is continuing.

"This cloud indicates that discs of galaxies can form slowly throughout

the history of the universe and (may) not just be something that happened during some magic period in the distant past," Giovanelli said.

The astronomer said he had doubted whether unborn galaxies existed until "stumbling into this thing."

The hydrogen cloud, discovered by Giovanelli and Cornell's Martha Haynes, is 65 million light years, or 384 sextillion miles (617 sextillion km) from earth — relatively close on the galactic

scale — and located south of the Virgo cluster of galaxies.

Galaxies form when such hydrogen clouds gradually condense to form stars and planets. A typical galaxy contains about 10 billion to 100 billion stars.

Prior to the discovery of the new cloud, Giovanelli said other large gaseous objects have been found in space but have been associated with existing galaxies.

"This cloud seems to have formed independently in a pocket of space isolated from other galaxies," said the astronomer, who is publishing details of the discovery in *Astrophysical journal*.

Although the elliptical cloud is much larger in diameter than the Milky Way, the researchers said it has only about one-tenth the mass.

Because the cloud has not yet condensed into stars, it does not give off

visible light and emits only radio waves. That is why it has gone undetected in past optical surveys of space.

The radio signal emitted by the cloud was very strong, said researchers, adding they double-checked to make sure the signal was not caused by man-made sources or other interference.

Haynes said many astronomers, including her group, had been searching for unborn or "prototype" galaxies over the past 15 years.

Hackers asked

Beat it

TOKYO, Aug. 29. (Reuter): Japan's telecommunications giant, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), has offered a one million-yen (\$6,900) prize to any hacker who can beat its coded communications system within two days.

"We do not think anyone can decode the system," an NTT spokesman said. "We do not mean to provoke hackers but want them to point out defects."

Kaifu seeks close US ties

TOKYO, Aug. 29. (AP): Japan's new Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu, hopes to build closer ties to the Americans during a trip to the United States this week and will stress the need for both nations to do more to reduce their trade imbalance, officials said yesterday.

The 58-year-old Kaifu, who leaves tomorrow for Washington, also is to visit Mexico, the first such visit by Japanese prime minister in nine years, and

Japanese prime ministers customarily visit Washington shortly after taking office to establish good working relations with US leaders, but Kaifu also hopes the trip will establish his own diplomatic credentials and revitalise his government's foreign policy.

Kaifu, who on Aug 9 became Japan's third prime minister in less than three months, is a former education minister with little experience in foreign affairs. His Liberal Democratic Party has been rocked by a series of money and sex scandals that have put diplomatic initiatives on hold.

He is to meet Friday with US President George Bush and then visit Boston, where he plans to meet with academics and watch a baseball game, said Yukio Okamoto, director of the Foreign Ministry's first North America division.

Kaifu will be making clear to the president that there will be no change whatsoever in our basic position in our foreign policy, and he will continue to carry on the commitments... his predecessors made with President Bush and the American government.

In addition to forming a working relationship with US officials, Kaifu plans to reach out as much as possible to the American public, he said.

"We expect Mr. Kaifu's personal traits — young, energetic, accessible, a caring personality will be well received by our American friends," he said.

Kaifu's visit to Mexico Sept. 4-6 will be the first by a Japanese prime minister since Masayoshi Ohira visited in May 1980.

Loan
The nationwide Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported yesterday that Japan will extend a yen loan worth \$1 billion US to Mexico to help it combat worsening air pollution in its capital city. It said Kaifu would discuss the matter with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Kaifu is to meet with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Ottawa on Sept 7 to mark the 60th year of Japan-Canada ties, Okamoto said.

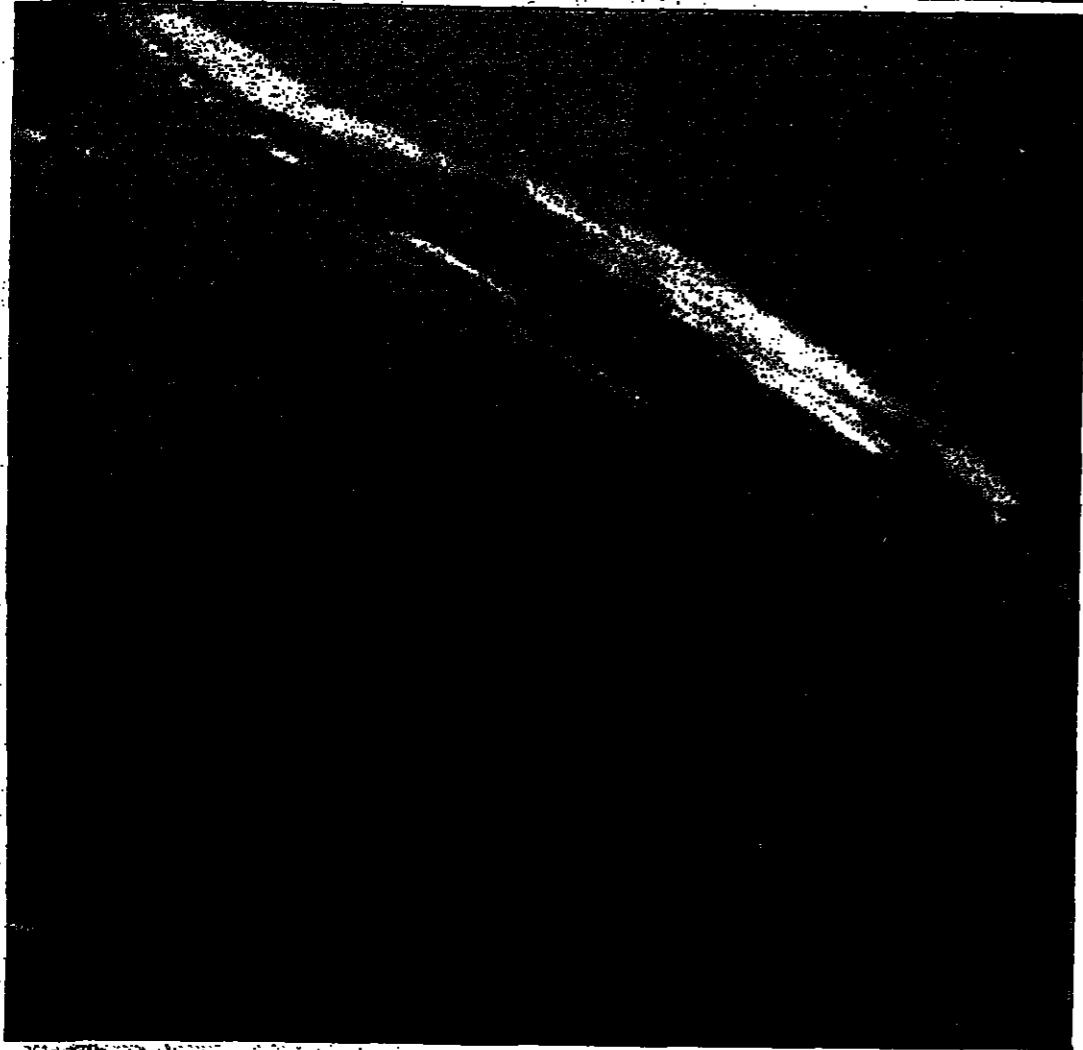
Bush, who is cutting short a vacation in Maine for the meeting with Kaifu, is expected to seek a commitment from him that Japan will reform areas of its business and distribution system that the United States says limit foreign access.

Foreign Ministry officials said they expect Kaifu will tell Bush that Japan is willing to pursue such structural reforms, but that the United States also must institute reforms in any substantial improvement in the trade imbalance is to be made.

Japan has made major reductions in tariffs and other import barriers in recent years, and officials in both nations now have begun to say that social and business structures and customs are most responsible for the continuing trade imbalance.

The United States has said Japan's complex distribution system and ingrown business relationships make it difficult for foreign companies to penetrate the market, and Japan's high saving rate reduces its purchases of foreign goods.

Japan will ask the United States to boost its savings and business investment rates, work harder to promote exports, improve its vocational training, and seek long-term investments rather than short-term profits, said Mitoji Yabunaka, director of the Foreign Ministry's second North America division.



Voyager took this picture of Neptune when the spacecraft was 370,000 miles from the planet. The image shows bright clouds east of the Great Dark Spot. (Reuter wirephoto)

This is the first photograph to show the full crescent of Triton below the planet Neptune in a photograph taken by Voyager 2. (Reuter wirephoto)

Triton: the coldest Adjustment saved photos

PASADENA, California, Aug. 29. (AP): Voyager's pictures of Neptune's moon Triton — revealing a unique world of icy volcanoes — might have been washed out if not for last-minute adjustments to the spacecraft's camera, the US space agency says.

"It wouldn't have wiped out the mission, but would have made a lot of photographs embarrassing overexposed," said Rich Terrile, an astronomer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "It would have been an incredible disappointment."

"They would have been white images," Voyager project scientist Edward Stone said yesterday.

With the help of those pictures, scientists said they were able to determine that Triton is the coldest body ever measured in the solar system, and that Neptune has something in common with Los Angeles: smog.

Only days before Voyager made its closest approach to Neptune last Thursday and zipped past Triton on Friday, scientists recognised that the frosty surface of Neptune's largest moon reflected much more light than originally expected, said Mary Beth Murill, a laboratory spokeswoman.

Engineers compensated by sending Voyager new computer commands, reducing Triton's surface temperature is 400 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (240 degrees

3.84 seconds for the best close-up of Triton, Murill said.

Those photographs revealed that giant craters, called calderas, once oozed an icy form of lava that flooded thousands of square miles (kilometres) of lunar terrain. They also found what scientists believe are active ice volcanoes that explosively propel frozen nitrogen particles 20 miles (32 kilometres) per

skyward.

During its Neptune encounter, Voyager's cameras discovered six moons in addition to Triton and Nereid, which were discovered from Earth. They also found three thin rings of debris and five broad rings encircling the solar system's fourth-largest planet.

NASA engineers are investigating any place we've been that has an atmosphere," imaging team leader Bradford Smith said.

"In Los Angeles, the problem is it's happening way down low where we have to breathe it in amounts exceeding anything we've seen except on Titan," he said, referring to Saturn's smoggy moon.

In another finding, the best close-up shot of the Neptunian moon 1989 N1 showed it has a huge crater half the width of its lumpy-looking, 240-mile (380-kilometre) wide surface.

That indicates that a big meteorite once smacked into 1989 N1, one of the six moons discovered by Voyager since June, Smith said.

Below zero Celsius), making the moon "the coldest body we have seen in the solar system," said Roger Yelle of the University of Arizona.

Scientists believe Pluto and its moon Charon are the second-coldest bodies in the solar system.

Voyager also found smog on Neptune.

Sunlight hitting natural gas, or methane, high in the planet's atmosphere converts it into a 90-mile-thick (144-kilometre-thick) icy layer of photochemical smog at the bottom of Neptune's stratosphere, said Jim Pollock, an imaging team member from NASA's Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California.

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Last June, the military filed murder charges against Donato Contente, an employee of a student newspaper at the university of the Philippines, in connection with the Rowe slaying.

Contente said he joined a guerrilla team which conducted surveillance on Rowe.

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fight but was quickly overwhelmed by the agents aboard two Army vehicles and a passenger jeep.

Itas said the leader of the assassination team, Demetrio Abanil, was with him in the assault car. He said the two others in his car were known to him only as James and Edgar.

The three others in the backup car included the deputy team leader, whom authorities identified as Lucio Borlaza.

Itas said he was killed five policemen in Davao, said he was called to Manila a week before the Rowe murder "when everything had been set up."

He said he and the two other triggermen in the assault car all fired with M-16 Armalite rifle and an Ultimax gun on Rowe.

Constable Glenn Salobo, who joined the team that arrested Itas, said agents seized a 45 calibre pistol and a hand grenade from the guerrilla and the two other triggermen in the assault car.

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Greece burns secret files as symbolic gesture

ATHENS, Aug 29. (Reuters): Greek authorities today publicly burn some 16 million secret files compiled by intelligence services for four decades on the political beliefs of private citizens.

The ceremony, ordered by the conservative-communist coalition government, was hailed as a symbolic move to end bitter divisions among Greek

political parties.

The decision to burn the files marked the 40th anniversary of peace in the country's 1946-1949 civil war between right-wing forces and communist guerrillas.

"The burning of the files has put an end to the elements that cultivated the spirit of the civil war...it was a necessary

prerequisite for national conciliation," Yannis Koutelidakis, a Public Order Ministry official said.

Police trucks carried stacks of files to a steel factory in the outskirts of Athens where they were destroyed in an incinerator.

"My record as a leftist haunted me all my life," George Falireas, a civil war

veteran, told Reuters. "It was impossible to find a job, to make friends. My ideology has sent me to jail a number of times."

"The misery has now ended. After 40 years of political discrimination I feel free," he said.

Right-wing forces with US backing won the civil war in which more than

300,000 people died. The Greek Communist Party (KKE) was banned from 1947 to 1974 and was legalised after the fall of a military dictatorship.

Public Order Minister Yannis Kefaloyannis accused the former socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of maintaining

the files despite a promise to destroy

them in 1984.

He said the socialists created new files to monitor the activities of political parties including KKE and the main conservative opposition New Democracy.

The socialists have argued that the files should not be destroyed because of their historic value.

Formation of Polish cabinet delayed

WARSAW, Aug 29. (Reuters): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, unable to agree final details with his coalition partners, has put off naming Poland's first government dominated by non-communists in more than 40 years.

Solidarity parliament leader Bronislaw Geremek was quoted by the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu today as saying Mazowiecki would not name his cabinet until the end of next week. He had planned to do so by Thursday.

Solidarity sources in the northern city of Gdansk said Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was expected to come to Warsaw tomorrow to help speed up efforts to form a government.

Geremek said Mazowiecki had not yet finalised a programme to tackle Poland's pressing economic problems, nor settle on the make-up of his cabinet.

The Communist Party, stunned by its sudden fall from power, is doggedly holding out for more than the two ministries it has been offered — defence and the interior.

However, the communists are in such disarray that their parliamentary leader, Marian Orzechowski, suggested changing the party's name to project a new image.

He told activists in comments published today that the party — known since 1948 as the Polish United Workers Party — should change its name to the Polish Socialist Labour Party.

The party, overwhelmed by Solidarity in partly-free elections in June, is trying to shake off its Stalinist past and leading reformers hope to give it a Social Democratic image.

Mazowiecki, a veteran Solidarity activist, has three months to form a government. But Walesa says he has only six months to a year to prove himself before public patience runs out.

Geremek said Mazowiecki would probably present his cabinet to parliament in the first 10 days of September.

Meanwhile, a communist official said today strike fever is simmering across the country and warned that Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's proposed moratorium on protests may be ignored, particularly by workers in the 7-million strong communist unions.

Polish Army not reliable

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (AP): The Kremlin cannot trust the Polish Army in case of an East-West European confrontation — but neither can Western war planners bank on Polish troops breaking ranks with their Soviet allies during a conflict, experts say.

"It is an unreliable force. I think that has been the Soviet general staff calculation for years, and I think it has got to be even more the conclusion" now that the communists have lost control of the Polish government, said A. Ross Johnson.

Unless the Soviets have firm control of Polish rail lines, they would face grave difficulties waging a ground war in Europe, according to analysts.

Ian Cuthbertson, a British expert on Eastern Europe, said: "The Soviets long have realised the unreliability of the Polish armed forces. Most of them are earmarked to protect Soviet communications lines in Poland for the group of Western forces, the approximately 625,000 Soviet troops in East Germany.

Realism to dominate non-aligned summit: Yugoslav minister

BELGRADE, Aug 29. (Reuters): The Non-Aligned Movement will stress realism and a constructive approach to regional conflicts and economic problems at its summit in Belgrade next week. Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar said today.

Loncar said the \$1.3 trillion debt of developing countries and other economic issue would dominate the summit of over 100 states and liberation movements from September 4-7.



Thousands of people demonstrate in the streets of Vilnius, Soviet Lithuania to mark the 50th anniversary of the Soviet-Nazi pact. (Reuter wirephoto)

Peace prize: The Nobel Peace prize, this year worth \$45,000, will be announced Oct. 5, launching the 1989 Nobel season, officials said today.

The Baltic nationalist movements and the founder of an Israeli-Palestinian peace village were known to be among some 100 nominations received by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian parliament.

The peace prize announcement in Oslo, Norway, will be followed by the naming in Stockholm on Oct. 9 of the Nobel prize for medicine by the Karolinska Institute.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences will disclose the winner of the economics prize on Oct. 11 and the winner of the prizes for physics and chemistry on Oct. 12, officials said.

The Swedish Academy, which awards the literary prize, traditionally keeps the date of its announcement confidential until just a few days in advance. It is always announced on a Thursday. (AP)

Pact signed: The mayor of Charleville-Chavagneux and the head of the local Muslim community signed an agreement yesterday for purchase of a building that will serve as a mosque to replace one destroyed by a city bulldozer.

In a joint statement, Mayor Gerald Desezene and Abdellah Benyaya, president of the Islamic Cultural Association, appealed for understanding and calm between Christians and Muslims.

They said they "condemn any act of violence against people and property as well as statements urging the communities to confront each other."

Charleville-Chavagneux, a town of 8,000 people about 20 miles (30 km) east of Lyon, became a national focus for religious tension when the building being used for services by roughly 800 Muslims was knocked down on Aug. 16.

Ozal visits: Prime Minister Turgut Ozal toured southeastern Turkey today where Kurdish rebels killed six people in the latest violence of their separatist insurrection. Anatolian news agency said.

Ozal, the bullet-ridden bodies of five men from Diyarbakir, a kidnaped weeks ago by rebels of the separatist Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) were found on a mountain slope in Hakkari province.

A two-year-old child was shot dead yesterday by rebels who set fire to 12 tents in a raid on nomadic Kurdish shepherds on a plateau in Siirt province, the agency said. (Reuter)

Libyan celebrations: Algerian President Chadli Benjedid will arrive in Libya on Thursday for celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of Colonel Muammar Khaddafi's 1969 revolution, a diplomatic source said today.

Algeria had also sent an Army unit of around 200 men to march in a planned parade to commemorate the September 1 coup, the source said.

Morocco's King Hassan left Tangiers yesterday by ship for Tripoli and Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali is also expected in the Libyan capital, bringing together four of the five leaders of the recently-formed Arab Maghreb Union. (Reuter)

Prosecution blocked: The government, saying it was acting to protect national security, ordered a prosecutor not to press charges against intelligence officials who illegally wiretapped a Soviet diplomat, a newspaper reported today.

Earlier reports said the surveillance produced indications of a Soviet connection in the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said the matter involved national security and refused to comment. Other government officials also declined to comment.

In a separate report, the Dagens Nyheter newspaper said the practice was routine and as many as 40 East bloc diplomats could be under illegal surveillance at any time.

The Svenska Dagbladet newspaper, citing sources it refused to name, said chief prosecutor Jan Danielsson was ordered to drop the case of the operation against the Soviet diplomat, who was not identified. (AP)

Poppy haul: Anti-narcotics teams in the Soviet central Asian republic of Tadzhikistan have seized or destroyed large quantities of poppies and charged 130 people with drug offences, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

Most of the offenders were growing the plants not for money but for basic goods which are scarce in the Soviet Union such as sugar and flour, the newspaper Selskaya Zhizn said.

One old woman was caught with 1,700 plants. And at one state farm, agents found 1,200 poppy plants hidden among the onions and other vegetables.

88 troops killed: Eritrean rebels said today they killed 88 Ethiopian troops in their biggest battle in two months, just ahead of peace talks in the United States.

Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) spokesman Osman Mohammed Omar said in Abu Dhabi, 60 government soldiers were wounded in the attack on an Ethiopian Army brigade on Sunday near the town of Adi Kieh.

He declined to give EPLF casualty figures.

The EPLF is the biggest of several factions fighting for independence for the Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Talks between the EPLF and the government, sponsored by former US President Jimmy Carter, are due to open in the US city of Atlanta next month. (Reuter)

Control relinquished: The head of Hungary's intelligence service said today that the Communist Party has relinquished control of his agency, and that he now reports to top government leaders only.

The transfers of power in several government agencies, including the armed forces and the police, are in preparation for free parliamentary elections scheduled by next June.

However, the handing over of control from the Communist Party to government leaders has had little practical effect so far, because all present government leaders are also ranking communists. (AP)

Church defends: The head of the French Roman Catholic church today defended Polish primate Jozef Glemp, accused by Jewish leaders of making "grotesque and hate-filled" remarks in a controversy over a convert at the Auschwitz death camp.

Cardinal Albert Decourcy, Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of the Gauls, said in a statement that Cardinal Glemp and Polish bishops could not be accused of the anti-Semitism with which they are being reproached.

Glemp has been widely condemned by the Jewish community for remarks he made on Saturday in which he accused Jews of violating Poland's sovereignty. (Reuter)

Greenpeace returns: The Greenpeace flagship on Friday will dock for the first time in France, marking the ecology group's return here four years after French secret agents sank its former protest vessel in a New Zealand harbour.

The reopening of the group's Paris headquarters, closed after a furious political row about the French action is due to be announced when the new ship — also named Rainbow Warrior — arrives at the Atlantic port of La Rochelle.

Lequenne Philippe, Greenpeace's French director said Greenpeace plans no further action against the government, which paid \$8 million in compensation for bombing the ship four years ago in Auckland harbour, killing a photographer. (Reuter)

Reagan inspects: Former President Ronald Reagan sat at the controls of the B-2 Stealth bomber yesterday during his first inspection of the \$530 million aircraft, a spokesman said.

Reagan, a long-time supporter of the B-2 programme, spoke to Air Force personnel at a luncheon after his tour.

"I have been deeply impressed by what I have seen here today. It is truly amazing," he said.

Reagan told the people involved in the Stealth project they should be proud of their work, calling them "keepers of peace."

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Loncar said: The non-aligned Movement, founded in 1961 at the initiative of Yugoslavia, Egypt and India, had drawn a breath of fresh life from the improved atmosphere in East-West relations since the mid-1980s.

"New initiatives are to be expected — moreover, initiatives formulated in a new negotiating, conciliatory and constructive spirit. Hence they will be more realistic, more acceptable and possibly more pragmatic," he said, without giving details.

"However, that does not mean that the

historical role of the movement has come close to being exhausted ... the world is infinitely complex, there are so many unbroached issues in it, and so there is still ample scope for the movement's action."

Loncar identified Central America, Lebanon, Afghanistan and the aftermath of the Iran-Iraq war as particularly hard areas to achieve results, but he said there were more chances for progress over southern Africa and the Middle East.

Realism to dominate non-aligned summit: Yugoslav minister

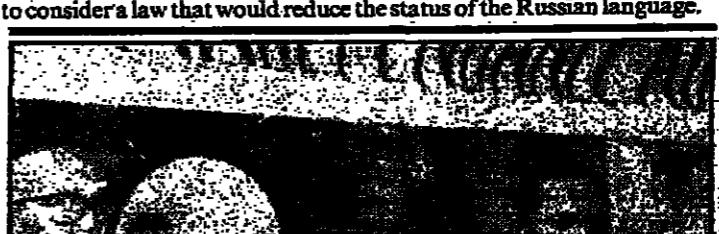
Fresh unrest in far south

Gorbachev approved warning to Baltics

MOSCOW, Aug 29. (Agencies): President Mikhail Gorbachev interrupted his holiday to approve a weekend warning to Baltic nationalists, the Kremlin disclosed today, as news broke of fresh unrest in the Soviet Union's far south.

Despite being on vacation, Gorbachev personally approved a tough statement warning the Soviet Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to curb their nationalist clamour after big demonstrations last week, an official spokesman said.

In Moldavia, adjoining Romania in the Soviet southwest, about 80,000 Russian-speaking workers went on strike as the local parliament met to consider a law that would reduce the status of the Russian language.



Buddhist monks call for a Cambodian reconciliation using megaphones as they demonstrate outside the conference centre in Paris. (Reuter wirephoto)

Talks in Paris ending in failure

No peace in Cambodia

PARIS, Aug 29. (Reuter): A 19-nation conference on Cambodia will end tomorrow with no peace agreement for the war-torn Southeast Asian state, a French spokesman said today.

"The conference will end tomorrow and it will end with the publication of a communiqué which will undoubtedly be fairly brief," Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Guezinou told a news conference.

He said the month-long talks would resume in Paris "perhaps in the (northern 1990) spring, whenever it might appear to have more chance of succeeding."

Guezinou said the conference had decided "was too early to reach an agreement but it was not too early to begin again working for peace."

Last-minute consultations with the four warring Cambodian factions at the talks had failed to break deadlock on five major points, especially the two key issues of power-sharing and setting up an international peace-monitoring mechanism.

"There was not, at this stage, the possibility of movement on the part of any of the Cambodian

factions," the French spokesman said.

Cambodia's Vietnam-backed government has refused to share power with the Khmer Rouge, former ultra-leftist rulers of the country, which has been in a state of war for nearly 20 years.

But the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge are the strongest guerrilla force in a three-party resistance coalition fighting the Phnom Penh government, and backers of the resistance say they must have a role in power if there is to be peace.

The Paris conference was the most ambitious diplomatic forum to tackle the Cambodian conflict, which has dragged on since the war ended in neighbouring Vietnam in 1975.

But the foreign ministers of the Soviet Union, the United States and China, who attended the optimistic opening session in late July, stayed away from the closing round as failure hovered over the talks.

The novel, by the controversial author, Salman Rushdie, was still causing a stir in the UK and worldwide because it is insulting to Islam.

A Conservative MP, John Townsend, has said that "England must be reconquered for the English" and he warned that Muslims who do not accept the publication of "The Satanic Verses" should be expelled.

In his racist remarks, he also reportedly said "when Muslims say that they cannot live in a country like the UK and worldwide because it is insulting to Islam."

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The consular department states that this allegation does not correspond to reality," the official BTA news agency said.

"The Bulgarian citizens have free access to the embassy of Turkey in Sofia and to the consulates general in Plovdiv and Bourgas."

The Bulgarian statement responded to allegations by the Turkish Foreign Ministry that Bulgarian police

Parliament approves Rafsanjani's entire cabinet

NICOSIA, Aug 29, (AP): Iran's Parliament today approved all 22 nominations to President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, described the vote of confidence by the 270-member parliament as "unprecedented."

The vote came after Rafsanjani got a last-minute boost for his proposed cabinet today from radical Parliament

Speaker Mehdji Karrubi.

"I see Mr Rafsanjani's cabinet as a successful one and one that supports the deprived ... and whose members have worked hard for the revolution," Karrubi was quoted as saying by IRNA.

He told Majlis, on the third day of a debate on Rafsanjani's cabinet: "It is a cabinet that has experience, proficiency, competence and faith with full revolutionary credentials."

Karrubi's support was seen as

critical for Rafsanjani, 44, who was elected by a landslide vote July 28, after two days of debate in which some of his nominees have come in for severe criticism from radical deputies.

Karrubi, a hardline radical who has advocated the spread of Iran's Islamic revolution, is allied to Rafsanjani's

but he apparently has fallen in line with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, who last week urged parliamentary deputies to set aside

political and personal differences and approve Rafsanjani's cabinet to ensure a smooth transition from the outgoing government of Prime Minister Hussein Musavi.

Khamenei was elected to succeed Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, who died June 3.

Karrubi succeeded Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, as speaker last month.

He cautioned that even if the nominated ministers won a vote of confi-

dence, they still faced stringent scrutiny by the house while in office.

"Our hands will not be tied if a minister gets the vote," he said in what was seen as a veiled warning to Rafsanjani that his policies will be closely monitored by the house, where radical factions have the edge.

The English language Tehran Times, which has supported Rafsanjani, identified the three in an editorial as Health Minister Iraj Fazel, Housing Minister Sarajeddin Kazerooni and Commerce

Minister Abdulhassan Vahabi.

But it stressed that "even if there is

not going to be full endorsement of the entire cabinet ... it will not affect the future workings and efficiency of the executive arm of the government."

The radical Abrar noted: "Considering the prevalent atmosphere in the Majlis, the speeches by deputies and the composition of the cabinet, it seems that most probably the majority of the nominees, with the exception of two or three, will receive votes of confidence."

Sudan peace plan ready

Bashir-Saddam talks

BAGHDAD, Aug 29, (Agencies): Chairman of Sudan's Revolutionary Command Council General Omar Hassan Al Bashir today announced that extensive moves will be made soon to bring peace in Sudan, Radio Baghdad said.

Bashir said several national and experienced personalities have participated in preparing the plan. It will be presented during the next round of negotiations with the rebel movement in south Sudan.

The military leader met last night with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and discussed boosting bilateral ties, the situation in Sudan and Arab developments.

Bashir, who flew in unexpectedly yesterday, was received at the airport by Saddam and senior Iraqi officials.

Earlier, Sudanese diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the situation in Lebanon, where Iraq is supplying weapons to Christians fighting Syria and its Muslim allies, would also be one of the main topics of discussion.

The previous Sudanese government led by Sadek El Mahdi, overthrown in a bloodless army coup by Bashir June 30, maintained close relations with Baghdad.

El Mahdi sent Sudanese troops to Iraq to fight the Iranians during the 8-year Gulf war. Fighting halted with a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire a year ago.

Sudan recalled its ambassador to Tehran Sunday in protest at a programme on Iran's state-controlled television network that allegedly defamed the Sudanese Army.

The first round of peace talks



Fahd, Arafat discuss Mideast

RIYADH, Aug 29, (AP): King Fahd, who visits Washington next month, met with PLO leader Yasser Arafat today for talks on advancing the Middle East peace process and bolstering the PLO's loping dialogue with the United States diplomatic sources said.

Palestinian leaders complain that the eight-month-old dialogue was leading nowhere. Some charge that the United States was using it to promote Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for limited self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The PLO has said it will accept that plan only as part of a comprehensive settlement.

They demand that it include an Israeli withdrawal and the eventual establishment of an independent Palestinian state in an area roughly encompassing the West Bank and Gaza.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fahd was expected to press the United States to elevate the level of the talks between the US Ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletreau, and senior PLO figures.

The official Saudi Press Agency reported the meeting in the Saudi summer capital of Jeddah, but gave no details.

The sources said Arafat briefed Fahd on the PLO's efforts to convene an international peace conference.

The PLO, backed by the Arab states, insists that a conference held under United Nations auspices is the only venue for Arab-Israeli peace talks. Israel, and to lesser extent the United States, oppose such a conference.

Fahd, one of America's closest Arab allies, is scheduled to visit the United States Sept 14, a few days ahead of a UN General Assembly session which Arafat reportedly wants to address.

The diplomatic sources said Fahd was expected to press the United States to grant Arafat a visa so he can attend the UN session.

The two leaders also discussed ways of bolstering the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza, the sources reported.

Arafat arrived in Jeddah late yesterday and was met at the airport by Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and the Defence Minister, Prince Sultan.

The two princes attended the talks that began late yesterday and ended early today at Jeddah's Al Hamra' guest palace, where the Palestinian leader was also feted at a banquet.

Fahd was quoted as pledging at a weekly cabinet session last night before meeting Arafat to work for "peace throughout the Arab region and for the victory of the Arab and Islamic causes on all levels."

The PLO spokesman in Washington said yesterday Arafat was considering seeking US permission to address the United Nations in September or November.

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■ Arafat will pay an official visit to Japan next October for talks with Japanese leaders, government sources in Tokyo said today. The Israeli foreign minister is also likely to visit this year.

Paris-Baghdad relations stable: Aziz

Iraq ready for peace with Iran

PARIS, Aug 29, (KUNA): Iraq is prepared to sign a peace treaty with Iran, but the latter is dragging its feet and waiting for conditions which would enable it to resume its war with Iraq, according to Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

In an interview appearing in the September edition of the monthly magazine "Ambier," the Iraqi official said: "If (Iran's President Hashemi) Rafsanjani decided one day to set up a real, global and permanent peace, we would be the first to applaud and fully co-operate with him to achieve that aim."

Aziz insisted on the fact that peace with Iran,

leading to stability in the region, should be guaranteed by the United Nations so that any future resumption of hostilities be considered as an attack on international will and not a just "incomprehensible" conflict between two neighbouring countries."

Talking about Lebanon, the Iraqi official noted that Lebanon was facing destruction and that was a "threat for Iraq, Jordan, Sudan, and as a matter of fact for all Arab countries where different communities co-exist."

He expressed his belief that Arab countries ought to send forces to Lebanon to help the Lebanese start a dialogue among themselves.

Then would come the meeting of the Parliament and the election of a president, he added.

On Franco-Iraqi relations, Aziz observed that they were "in general stable" and were meant to develop further.

But he pointed out that there were now some "technical" problems between French and Iraqi economic organisations.

According to him, some circles in France were taking advantage of the financial disputes to undermine relations between Baghdad and Paris.

Palestinian activist shot dead in Gaza

Violent demonstrations sparked

GAZA, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead a senior Arab activist of the Palestinian uprising in central Gaza city today, witnesses said.

The man, Ismail Ibrahim Abu Jayad of Deir Al Balah refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, was the leader of the outlawed Shabiba youth movement of the Fatah nationalist movement at Gaza's Islamic University, relatives said.

Military sources said Abu Jayad, 27, was involved in a clash between troops and stone-throwing Palestinians.

News of Abu Jayad's death sparked violent demonstrations in several parts of Gaza. By mid-afternoon, hospitals reported at least seven Palestinians were wounded in clashes in Khan Younis and Gaza city.

Fifteen Palestinians have died in the last 10 days in a surge of violence following pledges by the uprising's underground leaders to intensify the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At least 617 Arabs and 40 Jews have been killed since the uprising erupted in December 1987.

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip say they are prepared to eat weeds rather than work in Israel if leaders of their uprising extend a boycott of new identity cards issued by the occupation authorities.

But underground leaders of the 20-month-old revolt seem unsure how much longer they can pursue the tug-of-war with Israel at the risk of starving their own people.

The two leaders also discussed ways of bolstering the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza, the sources reported.

Eleven days after PLO-backed organisers ordered Gazans to stay home in protest at new magnetic cards granting selective entry to Israel, most of the 60,000 workers who normally travel to the Jewish state are still on strike.

Clashes have been severe in the Gaza Strip since Aug 18 when Palestinians were forced to produce new magnetic identity cards to enter Israel. Uprising leaders responded by ordering a boycott of work in the Jewish state.

"Many of the workers are now at home with nothing to do and are joining in the violence," a Palestinian activist said.

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Police arrested a Palestinian when he displayed a Palestinian flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iranian opposition leader arrested in US for visa fraud

ANKARA, Aug 29, (Reuters): Turkey is considering scrapping the death penalty for murder, but not for political crimes against the state, Justice Minister Oktay Sungurlu said today.

"The ministry is making studies to lift the death penalty for common crimes of murder. They may be given maximum life terms," Sungurlu told Reuters.

"But we have no plans to lift the death penalty for crimes against the state," he added.

No executions have taken place in Turkey since 1984 but about 220 prisoners are now on death row, awaiting a final parliamentary decision on their sentences, parliamentary sources said.

They include at least 137 political extremists or separate Kurdish rebels convicted of crimes against the state.

Judicial sources said Turkey, which has applied for full membership of the European Economic Community, would need to overhaul its 1976 penal code completely to align it with EEC standards.

Iranian opposition leader arrested in US for visa fraud

ment, was wanted for allegedly entering the United States in August 1988 with a fraudulent visa at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., Reagan said.

The charge was contained in a complaint issued by the eastern district US attorney's office in Virginia.

A spokesman for the group condemned the arrest and said Touran is under a death sentence issued in absentia by the Iranian government.

Ali Reza Jafarzadeh contended Touran's

arrest was an effort by the administration of President George Bush to improve relations with Iran in its attempts to win release of US hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

Touran was being held without bail on Monday at the Federal Metropolitan Detention Centre in Los Angeles, US attorney's spokeswoman Grace Denton said.

"US magistrate Ralph Geffen scheduled an identification hearing for Touran for Sept 6," Denton said.

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 29, (Agencies): The Arab group of states decided yesterday to call for an urgent Security Council meeting to deplore Israel's deportation of five Palestinians from the occupied territories over the weekend, Arab sources said.

They said the decision was taken at a close-door meeting of the Arab group, whose chairman this month is Palestine, as the PLO's delegation is known at the United Nations.

The council, already due to meet on Wednesday, has accepted the Arab request on Tuesday, the sources said.

Israel on Sunday deported four Palestinians to Lebanon and another to France as alleged leaders of the 20-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This brought to 58 the number of Palestinians expelled since the start of the uprising.

The Security Council has already adopted several resolutions critical of previous expulsions as a violation of the fourth Geneva convention on the treatment of civilians in time of war and calling on Israel to allow the deportees to return.

The United States, which

opposes deportation, has abstained on most of the resolutions, allowing them to be adopted in the absence of a veto.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said in a statement yesterday he had learned of the latest expulsions "with dismay and grave concern" and appealed to Israel to allow all deportees to return to their homes.

In Paris, Palestinian physicist Tayseer Aroui has denied accusations by the Israeli government that he is the representative of the Communist Party inside the clandestine organisation of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

GCC to act for peace in Gulf

RIYADH, Aug 29, (AP): Foreign Ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council wrapped up a two-day meeting today with a decision to boost efforts for a lasting peace between Iran and Iraq.

In a joint statement, they also urged international action against Israeli repression of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and support for an independent Palestinian state.

They called on "all" parties involved with the Lebanon crisis — which implicitly meant Syria — to co-operate with the 3-member Arab League Committee trying to end Lebanon's bloody 14-year civil war.

Missing boat Search on

ELEVEN persons lost at sea in a 16 foot boat have been the focus of an intensive search by the Coast Guards Department, according to a local daily.

The distress call received Monday was immediately actioned. However, strong winds and very choppy seas hindered the search operations and the assistance of Kuwait's Air Force was requested. The concerted efforts proved successful when it was learnt that five persons from amongst the eleven lost at sea had been saved by a fishing boat.

Private companies are profit motivated: union

Labourers treated like sheep

Labourers are treated like sheep in illegal manner by deprive labourers of their legitimate dues with the sole intention of amassing large monetary profits.

In many previous incidents labourers were deprived of their rights, fees, and security and salary requirements. A part of the responsibility for these labourers' plight rests on the shoulders of official authorities at concerned government departments who are entrusted to protect labourers' interests. The slow response of officials towards such unfair practices of private companies has compounded the problem by encouraging more companies to act similarly.

"Al Amal Magazine," published by Kuwait Labourer Union conducted a survey on issues connected to the safety of labourers and the civilised and humane features of Kuwaiti society. The magazine indicated that such illegal practices has become quite common among private sector companies in order to achieve higher illegal profits. One common phenomenon, which will be the issue of this survey is labourer transportation in uncovered or steel covered pick ups.

Profitable

Obviously, this method of transporting labourers is highly profitable to private sector companies and contractors. Such trucks are quite often used as cheap group transportation method and simultaneously used for carrying equipment or goods of the company.

Officials in the General Traffic Department believe that such labour transportation methods are dangerous and may be fatal in case of accident. Additionally, this mode of transportation is inhumane to health because labourers are exposed to harsh weather which ranges from 40 degrees Celsius to 65 degrees Celsius in summer months. Therefore, pick ups used for group transportation could easily be attributed to an even deadlier method.

The magazine interviewed a labourer in order to highlight this important and vital issue.

Abdul Aziz Omar, an Egyptian working in Kuwait as a contractor, said one of the local companies described the method of transportation with pick ups approved by private sector contractors and companies as profitable and impractical adding that it is not a humane method because it is used to tran-



Cheap group transportation ... illegal, injurious and inhumane.

sport livestock.

More often than not, labourers are transferred to project locations along with tools, lumber and equipment. Additionally, the labourer indicated that most labourers transported by this method suffer acute skin injuries particularly on the limbs because of the hot temperature.

He said that covered and uncovered pick ups used for transportation are like ovens during summer and workers are dehydrated by the time they reach the work-site. He pointed out that this mode of transportation becomes even more unbearable when riding unpaved roads in addition to the fact that it is also harmful during transportation along unlevelled roads.

Mohammed stated that companies aim at using this method to achieve high profits as the same trucks will be used for different purposes. He suggested that companies should be prevented from using this method of transport and should they persist, they should be deprived of their licences. He added that driving licences pose a problem to almost all labourers as regulations to obtain one are herculean. He indicated that if labourers are granted their own driving licences they will have their own transportation and the problem will be resolved.

He added that companies

should be compelled to use air-conditioned buses for group transportation. Mohammed commented that it is hard for labourers to raise any objections about their employers because they are often threatened with discharge from work.

Mohammed Hanafi, working as a master steel construction labourer with contractors said that he suffers from burns because of hot steel while working and that it is unbearable to sit inside a pick up during summer. He said that transporting labourers by pick ups in Kuwait is an inhumane method because of the weather. He indicated that despite the suffering caused by this transportation method some companies in Kuwait deduct transportation fees from labourers salaries.

Ahmad Abdul Raheem working as a carpenter at one of the local contracting companies said that group transportation by pick ups is very difficult for labourers due to the hot Kuwait weather in summer. He believes that it is a very dangerous transportation method and at the same time it smears Kuwait's reputation.

Capabilities
Ahmad said that labourers should be able to obtain their own driving licences to avoid this problem.

Mohammed Mohammed a carpenter at one of the contracting companies in Kuwait said that in general the group trans-

portation method for labourers is not bad due to the fact that it is used by most companies. He said that labourers may find it hard to object to this method because it is the only way to reach work, particularly if labourers were forced to use other transportation methods to go to their work like the public transportation buses which cost a lot compared to the salaries they get. He indicated that he accepts this method because it is better than nothing.

Thiyab Mohammed working as a sub-contractor in the private sector since 1975 said that all company labourers are transported by pick ups. He added that some companies would rather use other transportation methods due to their better financial capabilities. He pointed out that police patrols have stopped them several times because of overloading trucks with labourers.

Thiyab knows that the traffic law prohibits transporting labourers by this method but, other companies may obtain permission from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to transport labourers in their private pick ups.

Another contractor, Abdul Aleem Mahmoud insisted that pick up transportation has no problems and is a very respectable method. He indicated that transporting labourers by pick up cost the company KD80 per month. He refused to comment on labourers complaints.

Container station well equipped

Containers imported showed a marked increase of seven per cent during the first half of 1989 as compared to the same period last year.

The main storage area for containers at the station is now 310,000 square metres which has the capacity for 7,000 containers, the official said. 120 container ships were received at Shuaiba

port in 1987 while 144 ships berthed in 1988 he added.

Mohammed pointed out that the container station at Shuaiba Port started work in 1982 and that the equipment can carry containers that reach 41 tonnes weight. The station is also well equipped for handling activities.

The Public Ports Authority has two

stores for container goods. Each is built on an area of 7,000 square metres. Mohammed said that a customs inspection centre was opened at Shuaiba Port by the General Customs Authority. The Municipality has its own inspection centre to check foodstuffs, while the Ministry of Information has a special centre to inspect imported publications. The Inspec-

tion Centre can also handle 32 trucks at any given time.

Mohammed said that the Public Ports Authority is continually developing its utilities and services and aims to attract qualified Kuwaiti cadres to work and maintain its vital utilities. He further added that computers are now used in all the activities of the container station.



Somali minister visits naval base

Defence Minister of Somalia Dr Hussein Sheik Abdul Rahman and the accompanying delegation, currently visiting here, inspected the naval base yesterday.

In the course of his tour of the base, during which he was accompanied by deputy of the army's Chief of Staff Brigadier Jassim Shehab, the visiting Somali minister received a thorough briefing on activities, gunboats and technical workshops in the base.

On arrival at the base, the Somali official was received by Acting Commander of the Naval Force, Col. Qais Al Saleh and other senior officers.

Token gifts were exchanged at the end of the visit.

Education accessories exhibition opens today

KUWAIT International Fair Company will hold the opening of Kuwait's Fifth Exhibition for Educational Requirements at the special hall at the International Fairgrounds tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. The opening which will be patronised by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari will be attended by senior employees and officials at the Ministry of Education, diplomatic corps, officials, and a number of commercial agents in Kuwait. Invitations for the opening were sent to companies and establishments owners working in this field.

Display

The Educational Requirements Exhibition is being held for the fifth consecutive time. Companies and commercial establishments working in the commerce and importation of educational requirements are speedily acting to reserve a place at the specified hall for the exhibition. An official at the Kuwait International Fair Company indicated that the exhibition represents a good opportunity for commercial establishments and companies to display their products in this field.

He added that 33 specialised companies and establishments will participate at the exhibition which is scheduled to last until Sept 8, 1989. Visitors timings are from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and from 4:30 pm until 9:00 pm daily.

Naser issues new inspection resolutions

THE Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Naser Mohammed Al Ahmad Al Sabah has issued a resolution accrediting the Kuwait Union of Vegetables and the Kuwait Importers from July 22, 1989. He also issued another resolution which stipulates criteria for estimating the numbers of workers required for activities and projects of businessmen in the private sector.

The resolution stipulates that activity or project of businessman should be registered at the Labour Department and these businesses should have the licenses from the relevant authorities.

One of the stipulations, amongst others to ensure stability and continuation of the activity or project is that such businesses can be inspected by inspectors of the Labour Departments. The resolution provided for the compatibility of qualifications or professions of the required manpower with the licenced activity or project.

Prices of a number of main commodities sharply rose during this year, a statistical report said yesterday. The report published by the Central Statistical Office of the Planning Ministry said that prices of children's ready garments increased by 22.1 per cent in March this year compared to March last year, while men's and women's garments rose by 4.6 per cent and 6.1 per cent respectively during the same period, while men's and women's textiles increased by 11.5 and 14.1 per cent respectively also during the same period. The report said that the consumer's price index increased in March 1989 to 150.7 points from the 100 points of the base year in 1978. This showed a 0.4 per cent increase from the previous month and a 3.1 per cent increase from the same month of 1988.

Food

The report added that the price index of the main group of consumption commodities, the foodstuffs, increased in March this year by 0.4 per cent compared to the previous month. This was attributed to the increase of prices of grains, bread, meat, fish, milk, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and other foodstuffs by 0.7, 0.9, 3.5, 3.8, 0.6, 0.4 and 0.4 per cent respectively, coupled by a drop in the prices of fresh chicken, eggs, dry fruits, dry vegetables, tea and coffee by 6.4, 5.6, 3.6, 0.2 and 0.8 per cent respectively.

Prices of soft drinks and cigarettes remained stable and showed no increase and decrease in March compared to the previous month. Clothes and shoes index rose by 1.5 per cent in March compared to the previous month of this year. This was mainly attributed to an increase in the price of ready garments, cost of tailoring and shoes by 2.2, 1.7 and 0.4 per cent in March compared to February.

The price index of house commodities and utilities dropped slightly by 0.6 per cent in March compared to February of 1989. It was mainly attributed to a 6.6 per cent drop in the prices of furniture in one month. The price index of transportation services also increased by 0.5 per cent in one month.

month mainly due to a 0.9 per cent increase in the private transportation means. Medical services also increased by 2.4 per cent in the same month due to an 8.8 per cent increase in the costs of hospitals services. Prices of educational services also increased by 0.2 per cent due to an 8 per cent increase in the prices of books and stationery.

Entertainment

The report added that the prices of entertainment services increased by 5.2 per cent during March while the price of personal services also shot by 1 per cent. The report added that it was noticed that the prices of long-life commodities increased while the prices of short-life ones dropped.

About the movement of the prices of various commodities whether in comparison to March last year or February this year, the report said that the prices of fresh meat and frozen meat increased by 3 and 7.8 per cent respectively in March this year compared to March 1988. It added that also the prices of frozen chicken increased by 1.6 per cent during the same period, while its prices increased by 2.4 per cent compared to February this year. Prices of fresh chicken increased by 6.4 per cent compared to February and 5.5 per cent compared to March last year. Milk prices also increased by 8.6 per cent in one year and 3.8 per cent in one month. While cheese prices increased by 6.2 per cent in one year.

The report added that the prices of tomatoes and onions witnessed most of the fluctuations in their prices. In March this year tomato prices increased by 19.3 per cent compared to March last year and 11.2 per cent compared to February this year. Onion prices increased more by 27.3 per cent in a year and 24.5 per cent in one month. Eggplant prices also were up by 20.2 per cent in one year and 14.1 per cent in one month. The report said that the price of sugar was up by 19 per cent a year period and most of the hike took place during December last year and February this year. It added that auto spare parts also saw increased prices by 21.3 per cent in one year.

Planning Ministry report

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Civil aviation

Round-the-clock weather reports

THE Civil Aviation Department in Kuwait has provided huge utilities and special equipment to serve different authorities in the government. A large number of youth are working round-the-clock to serve the needs of establishments which may require accurate information on weather conditions in addition to recording information from different countries related to incoming and outgoing flights.

To shed more light on the Civil Aviation Department, a local daily interviewed the controller of the Weather Forecasting Department at the Meteorology Department, Riyadh Al-Sane, who said that temperature forecasting is conducted through metal temperature gauges or other instruments which are mounted inside a wooden container, 120 centimetres above ground level. The place the container is located should comply to international standards so it will not be imposed to direct sun waves or reflections, he indicated.

Forecasts

Sane pointed out that temperature forecasts given to the public all around the world are atmospheric temperatures and not ground surface readings.

Forecasting depends on the nature of work of the Meteorological station. Meteorological stations attached to aviation for example should provide a weather forecast every half hour throughout the year at Kuwait Airport.

Sane pointed out that during summer, Kuwait has a minimum average temperature of 25 degrees Celsius and a maximum average of 45 degrees. The maximum may exceed the average during some days and gave an example where temperatures reached 51.5 degrees Celsius at Wafra Meteorological Station on June 13, 1989. Regarding winter months, Sane said that temperatures may range from eight as a minimum average up to 25 degrees as a maximum average. He pointed out that the minimum recorded in Kuwait was on Jan 20, 1989 at Omariya, Meteorological station at -6 degrees centigrade.

Sane said that the Meteorological Stations provide services to many authorities. The service is also provided to other private establishments through mail or through telephone calls. Kuwait Meteorological Stations benefit from pictures sent by satellite which reveal locations of clouds while moving in a rotating direction.

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Arab investments in Egypt guaranteed, says Saeer

Amir-Mubarak talks important to Arab causes

THE current visit of HH the Amir to Egypt is an event of historic magnitude on the Arab and Islamic levels. Abdul Aziz Al Saeer, Chairman of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry said: He added that the outcome of the formal talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are of paramount importance to the main Arab causes — namely, the Palestinian cause, the Lebanese crisis, and the peace settlement in the Arab Gulf area (Iraq-Iran war).

Saeer who is paying an official visit to Egypt said that he recommends investing Arab capital in Egypt and in

the Arab world and added: "Arabs are quite capable of confronting economic and political challenges if they set their minds to it with a united will."

He went on to state that Egyptian encouragement in this respect is a typical example of such co-operative pragmatism. Egypt's legislatively guarantees investment of Arab capital by prohibiting confiscating or nationalising these investments. The official added that some Arab countries like Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco have amended their legislations to encourage Arab investors to invest in their countries.

Reiterating his opinion on the issue of investing Arab capital in Arab countries, Saeer stressed: "Arab capitals invested in Arab domains are for more logical than investing them in the West — even if profits on investments are lesser when considered from an issue of long-term security. Political and economic stability are pivotal to any large scale investment," the official said and added that these are readily demonstrable in Arab countries.

In practical terms, this can be viewed from the Kuwaiti financial aid and investments to Egypt and Egyptian technical expertise for Kuwait. Fur-

ther, Kuwait offered contribution to bolster the Cairo-based Organisation Arab Industrialisation.

Commenting on the problems faced by Kuwaiti investors in Egypt, which were discussed during the conference he chaired in Cairo in 1987, Saeer said that there were three problems discussed during the conference:

Transfer of profits and capital out of Egypt and exchange levels of currencies. These problems no longer exist after establishing of the free market in Egypt and unifying the prices of currency.

Registration and transfer procedures

of real estate. This issue was also settled when the Egyptian government issued a law organising the ownership by Arabs in Egypt.

Bureaucracy that hinders investment in Egypt and the hindrance to free movement of capital. To redress this problem, Egypt has issued a new law related to unifying investments by which investors now deal only with the Investment Authority.

Exchange. The Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce have played an important role in encouraging Arab investors to invest their funds in Egypt and other

Arab countries. The union at a very early stage called for establishing the Arab Common Market and also called for establishing an authority to secure Arab investments. The union also called for carrying out an Arab joint industrial project. A number of projects are to be avoided in the future, Saeer said. He queried as to the reasons for unemployment with all these capabilities at the disposal of the Arab world.

Concluding, the official said that the Union of Arab Chambers will hold its coming session in November this year in the UAE at which time all these issues will be discussed.

Large imports of food commodities are also detrimental from the security point of view. Arabs possess the capital, raw materials, experienced manpower and ready markets and should mobilise these resources if dangerous consequences are to be avoided in the future, Saeer said. He queried as to the reasons for unemployment with all these capabilities at the disposal of the Arab world.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kharoubi leaves

KUWAIT: Aug 29, (KUNA): Member of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council and General Inspector of Libya Armed Forces Colonel Mustafa Al Kharoubi left here today after a brief visit to the country.

Kharoubi conveyed a message to HH the Amir from Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi during a meeting held immediately on his arrival with HH Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Kharoubi also met with Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah.

The two meetings were attended by Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT: Aug 29, (KUNA): HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today received at his diwan at Bayan Palace the Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed.

HH also received Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah, Director-General of Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdalla, Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Dr Abdalla Al Sirayeh and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Spain Jassem Al Sabagh.

Korean envoy

KUWAIT: Aug 29, (KUNA): Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah today received South Korea's new ambassador to Kuwait.

Rqobah and the Korean diplomat discussed joint issues of mutual concern and co-operation between the two countries.

GCC meeting

JEDDAH, Aug 29, (KUNA): Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) yesterday ended their second working session presided over by Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohamed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

Sheikh Mohamed said they discussed reports on economic and cultural spheres prepared by the GCC's specialised committees.

He added that recommendations reached by those committees would be submitted to the preparatory meeting for the upcoming summit conference of the GCC.

Power load

An official source at the Ministry of Electricity and Water has said that the maximum electrical load recorded last Tuesday Aug 22 was 4,150 mega Watt, and that the gross compound power capacity is 7,500 mega Watt.

The acting undersecretary Mahmood Yaqoob Baker said that the emergency office set up by the ministry in Wafra on Aug 26 operated on a round-the-clock basis and had special emergency squads that deal with all sorts of emergencies.

He added that the office is fully equipped with all needed facilities and the operating staff could fix any failure caused by the electrical cables in the area.

Illegal practice

THE Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah has said that the bank only supervised the dealings and operations of the money-exchange companies registered with it. However, it has often come to know that certain unregistered companies are accepting deposits and selling currencies at the local market, in violation of their authorised line of practice.

He told a local daily that since these companies fell out of the bank's scope of control, the bank could not revoke their licences or order them closed, consequently a list of all these companies has been prepared for submission with recommendations for suitable action to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, being the authority in charge of these companies.

Kuwait, Egypt ink trade, aid accords

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people to our sister Egypt." He added that the centre, covering 504,000 sq. metres, manifests the fraternity and solidarity between the Muslim people of Kuwait and Egypt.

Saeer stressed that the centre is a token of our appreciation to your (Egyptian) struggle and sacrifice in support of Arab causes.

He pointed out that the centre is a token of our appreciation to the Amir, HH Crown Prince and Premier and the Kuwaiti government.

The centre would serve as a school for Muslim youth all over the world, accommodating 1,800 students from kindergarten to high school level.

The centre also features a mosque that can accommodate 1,300 worshippers, in addition to an upper floor for female faith-fuls.

Other facilities at the centre include a clinic, dormitories, restaurants, a football stadium and other sports buildings.

The centre, where schooling starts in the year 1990-91, also features a printing house, television station and radio studio.

Later in the day, the Amir escorted by Mubarak, toured the head offices of the Suez Canal Authority in Ismailia and familiarised himself with modernisation projects there.

On their way back to Cairo, the two Arab leaders visited a textiles factory in the city of Asir of Ramadan.

Bahrain Digest

Hundi deals still rampant

REMITTANCE of funds through illegal channels by large numbers of expatriate workers in the Gulf to their home countries has been in existence for a long time now. It is an 'open secret' that this practice has been in operation ever since the first expatriates in modern times stepped onto these shores. This highly lucrative and clandestine operation is conducted by unscrupulous and shrewd group of individuals who are often connected with criminal organisations in the home country that deal with other illegal activities and crimes on a large scale. Sending money illegally is just one mode of operation of such con-men.

In the Gulf because of the existence of a large number of expatriate workers primarily from the Indian sub-continent, there is an increasingly growing market for illegal remittance of funds. In view of the extremely discreet nature of the operation it is quite difficult, although not impossible, to apprehend the parties involved. Dealers in this market are 'invisible operators' who conduct the business in a secret rendezvous within minutes. They may camouflage their activities by holding regular jobs. In recent times the government of Bahrain has voiced concern about such operations. Official measures to curb or eradicate this practice has not been successful because of the difficulty of detecting the criminals and lack of concrete evidence.

Bank

Masbullah Alam, an exchange dealer from Bangladesh, explained to the Arab Times in Bahrain about this practice of illegal remittance.

According to him as much as 80 per cent of workers from the Indian sub-continent are engaged in sending money to their respective home countries through illegal channels. Considering that the bulk of these people are illiterate labourers they fall easy prey to the temptations offered by the dealers.

The dealers generally offer considerably more money than the official rate of exchange for a particular sum of rupees or takas. The prospect of getting that extra sum is looked upon favourably and entices the poor worker to this modus operandi.

"The practice is quite simple really. The worker pays the dealer in the currency of the Gulf country in cash the amount he would like to send home, in return he gets a 'receipt' which may be just a piece of paper with the signature of both the dealer and payer and the amount involved. Subsequently the dealer informs his 'representative' back home by letter or other mode of communication to remit the said amount in local currency, inclusive of the bargain amount, to the workers' family anywhere in the country of domicile. It is a very smooth and quick operation," explained Alam.

Modus operandi

Meanwhile, the amount given to the dealer in the Gulf currency may be either sent home later or 'invested' in other business operations.

According to Alam, generally the worker is guaranteed that his money will reach home. This is true particularly if a worker engages a dealer over a long period. Mutual trust is assured in most cases. There are many terms applied to this kind of operation. In the Indian sub-continent the term commonly applied to this sort of transaction is "Hundi". Hundi is not only used by the poor workers but also by executives and the professional class as well. A few business men may also be involved in this operation when the sum can run into millions.



HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Islamic Educational Centre in Ismailia yesterday. Kuwait helped found the institute to spread Islamic culture among children of different nationalities and (right) HH the Amir planting a date palm on the first day of his visit to Egypt.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and HH the Amir are seen here entering the Kubbar Presidential palace in Cairo and (right) the two leaders are given a bouquet of flowers each at the welcoming ceremony for HH the Amir.

Skill sharpening

Science city project plan

MINISTER of Communications and Board Chairman of the Science Club, Abdullah Al Sharhan speaking to a local daily said that the care, patronage and financial support extended by HH the Amir and the concern of HH the Crown Prince and the government represented by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has greatly benefited and enhanced the support of the Science Club.

He praised efforts to the public and volunteers for their support to the club.

He stated the objective for establishing the Science Club is to build an advanced generation supported by knowledge and experience by providing it with all scientific hobbies imparted in a simple frame under the supervision of specialists. He added that the club aims at patronising scientific activities and utilising an adequate atmosphere for club members.

At the club, members are taught fundamentals for accuracy in addition to organising their thoughts. The club then tries to sharpen their talents by giving them fundamental skills during which a member will complete enhancing his/her talents after finishing three courses at the club.

Sharhan indicated that inventions of the club are treated confidentially and scientific establishments like the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Awqaf, and the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

He added that the Kuwait Foundation for Scientific Advancement supported the club's budget to some activities at the same time Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research participated in some scientific research at the club by giving advice and technical assistance.

He added that foreign trips organised for club members have positive impact. He added that the club's administration is currently studying a project



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and HH the Amir are seen here entering the Kubbar Presidential palace in Cairo and (right) the two leaders are given a bouquet of flowers each at the welcoming ceremony for HH the Amir.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE rotten apple spoils his companion — Benjamin Franklin, US statesman (1706-1790).

S. Africa splits over Assembly

Call to boycott polls

FOR South Africa's Indian and mixed-race coloured communities, the main decision in September's general election is not the choice of candidates but whether to vote at all.

Since 1984 they have had their own chamber in a complex, racially-segregated Parliament barely understood by most South Africans and reviled by leftists for excluding the country's 26 million black majority.

Most voters boycotted polls that year to elect the coloured House of Representatives and Indian House of Delegates, whose limited powers were crafted so they could never force change on the more senior White House of Assembly.

This year the boycott call has gone out again from anti-apartheid organisations involved in a campaign of mass defiance against Pretoria's race laws.

Supporters of the system say they can push through political change from within. Opponents accuse coloured and Indian legislators of selling out.

And as the white government edges towards negotiation with black leaders, many people say the days of the so-called tricameral (three chambers) system are numbered.

"As far as we're concerned, this is the last tricameral election," said Peter Hendrickse, a Member of Parliament for the coloured Labour party.

"Even the Nats (the ruling white National Party) are talking about a new constitution."

The government has already published a draft bill setting out vague proposals to extend black voting rights beyond their current franchise, which is limited to municipal polls.

Hendrickse said his party decided in 1984 to participate in the coloured chamber for a trial period of five years, to see if it could make progress towards ending apartheid and improving life for the mainly poor coloured community.

Now it says it will stand for one more term, citing success in boosting pensions, housing and schools — areas where each non-white chamber holds separate portfolios for its own race.

"In terms of the bread and butter issues we have definitely been able to affect the socio-economic position of the voters we represent," he said. "It's fine to talk about ending the state of emergency, but some people can't even get water."

Hendrickse's clergymen father Allan, who leads the Labour Party, has vowed to wash his hands of participatory politics if apartheid is not dead in five years.

Labour, which has a huge majority in the House of Representatives, says it has helped end dozens of discriminatory laws during its first term.

"Our participation has also helped white voters to accustomise to the idea of having people of colour in the government," Hendrickse added.

Changes in the national status quo must be approved by all three houses, so Indian and coloured Members of Parliament cannot force reforms on an unwilling white chamber. If consensus is not reached, the matter goes to the overwhelmingly white President's Council.

The Indian chamber has 45 seats and the coloured house 85, compared with 178 in the white chamber.

Ironically, it was the coloured house that forced former President P.W. Botha to the polls this year by vetoing his attempt to postpone the election until 1992 through constitutional changes.

Opponents of the tricameral system say Indian and coloured MPs have no popular mandate nor any real power, and have been co-opted into implementing apartheid.

"These elections are a sideshow," said Farook Meer, secretary of the anti-apartheid Natal Indian Congress which fiercely opposes segregated chambers.

"These houses have no support at all in the community — they're totally irrelevant."

Meer said he thought the system would fold within two years as political and economic pressure at home and abroad forced the white government to the wider negotiating table.

But Hendrickse said he had no quarrel with activists who shun Parliament and accuse him of opportunism.

"Our struggle has to be a complementary one rather than spending our energy fighting each other," he said.

(Reuter Johannesburg)

PRESS REVIEW

The Soviet Union would play a major role in current international efforts aimed at bringing an end to the Lebanese crisis, the economic daily *Les Echos* wrote in its Tuesday edition.

The daily noted that Soviet Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Gennady Tarasov, arrived in Baghdad Monday on the fourth leg of a Middle Eastern tour which had already taken him to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Moscow, the paper said, "which has good relations" with Damascus and Baghdad, "can play a considerable role in the efforts exerted now to restore peace in Lebanon and invite the parties to resume talks."

The daily said, "It is to (French) President Mitterrand's credit to have understood it at the beginning of the summer and to have multiplied approaches towards (Soviet leader) Mikhail Gorbachev and his entourage." (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

30 BC — Cleopatra of Egypt commits suicide by letting asp bite her.
 1526 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, defeats Hungarian Army at Battle of Mohacs, at which Louis II of Hungary is killed.
 1528 — French Army capitulates at Aversa and subsequently is expelled from Naples and Genoa in Italy.
 1645 — Dutch and American Indians make treaty of peace at new Amsterdam, New York.
 1895 — Compulsory Roman Catholic education begins in Belgian state schools.
 1898 — Anglo-German secret agreement on future of African territories of Portugal, whereby Britain is to obtain lease of Delagoa Bay and Germany is to receive parts of Mozambique and Angola.
 1914 — German forces take Ameincs in France during World War I.
 1916 — Turkey declares war on Russia. Paul von Hindenburg is named German chief of General Staff.
 1928 — Independence of India League is formed in India.
 1944 — Russian forces enter Bucharest, Romania, in World War II.
 1951 — United States and the Philippines sign mutual defence pact.
 1957 — All-African Federal Executive Council is formed in Nigeria.
 1960 — East Germany imposes partial blockade of West Berlin.
 1966 — China's Red Guards, their ranks swelled in Peking for second straight day.
 1981 — Iran's President and Prime Minister are killed when bomb explodes in government offices in Tehran.
 1987 — Philippines' President Corazon Aquino says mutinous troops wanted to kill her entire family in bloody coup attempt.
 1988 — Michael Dukakis moves to dispel talk that his campaign in the race for president of the United States has stalled and allowed Vice-President George Bush to surge ahead.

War in world out of work and hope

Blueprint for power

OLD Marshall Ferdinand Foch, who led the Allies to victory in World War I, said at the end of that conflict, "This is not peace. It is an armistice for 20 years." He was right, almost to the day.

Nearly two decades later, after years of threat and bluster, of depression and inequality, of fears and lies, conflict finally came to action on Sept. 1, 1939, when the first shots were fired in World War II.

No one could say the world did not have sufficient notice.

For instance, on the last day of January 1939 at the White House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had called in the Senate military affairs committee to confide his fearful appraisal of the world — many of his countrymen suffered from a bad case of isolationism. Yet he told the Senators:

"About three years ago we got pretty definite information that there was in the making a policy of world domination between Germany, Italy and Japan... there are two ways of looking at it. The first... is the hope that somebody will assassinate Hitler from within — that somebody will kill Mussolini or he will get a bad cold in the morning and die... the other attitude is that we must try to prevent the domination of the world."

He had drawn the line. Adolf Hitler, whom he called a "wild man" and "a nut," was the enemy, whether the nation knew it or not. Peace was slipping through the trembling fingers of Europe.

Hitler had taken a broken Germany, re-armed it in secret, bluffed his way into the Rhineland which Germany had given up after World War I. He butressed Fascist dictator Francisco Franco in Spain and conspired with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini to divide Europe. He bullied his way into Austria and Czechoslovakia, and so intimidated Britain and France that they welcomed the Munich Pact which British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain considered a guarantee of "peace in our time." It only convinced Hitler that the old World War I Allies were willing to pay for peace at any price.

Source

Hitler needed Poland not only for a breadbasket but as a source of labour. He would have Poland even if it drew Britain and France into war. He was not, however, ready to fight a war on two fronts.

He sought Joseph Stalin's assistance in the East, one of the most bizarre alliances in modern history — the Communist and the Fascist, philosophy to be damned.

The Allies had procrastinated over a pact with Stalin to outflank Hitler. They obviously did not savour doing business with the Soviet leader.

Hitler had no such compunctions. On Aug. 20, 1939, he agreed to a Soviet-drafted Non-aggression Pact. In return, the Soviets would get a free hand in the Eastern Baltic and a share of Poland.

On Aug. 31, the Polish ambassador's lines from Berlin to Warsaw were cut. That night Hitler broadcast to his people peace proposals to Poland which the Poles never heard, his usual ploy for preparing the German mind for war.

Finally he launched operation cannon goods, planned months before. SS troops in Polish uniforms staged a mock attack on a German radio station at Gleiwitz on the Polish border, leaving a drugged concentration camp inmate, smeared with blood, as a German "casualty" of the attack. There were other such "provocations" along the border.

Berlin was calmly asleep, but all communications to the outside world were cut. Berliners would awaken to a war that would eventually destroy them and much of Europe as well.

At 5:20 am, Hitler's timetable, a German warplane attacked the Polish fishing village of Puck and an adjacent air base on the Gulf of Danzig. Twenty-five minutes later, a shell from the World War I battleship Schleswig-Holstein made a direct hit on a Polish ammunition dump at Westerplatte.

At first light, the Wehrmacht began a motorised march toward Warsaw, and a new word — "blitzkrieg," or lightning war — was introduced into the military lexicon.

At 2:20 am, Washington time, four hours after the attack began, Roosevelt's bedside phone rang.

"Tony Biddle," said Bill Bullitt, the US ambassador to France. "Several German divisions are deep in Polish territory and fighting is heavy. Tony said there were reports of bombers over the city. Then he was cut off..."

"Well, Bill, it's come at last," Roosevelt replied. "God help us all."

In London, mobilization was ordered. On Sept. 3, Britain went to war. Winston Churchill, who had warned persistently of the German threat, was made a part of an expanded war cabinet and first Lord of the Admiralty, where he had served previously. Before he got there, the word went out to the fleet: "Winston is back."

In Berlin, Hitler received the news of Britain's declaration with an immobile stare, but Hermann Goering, the head of the Luftwaffe, said: "If we lose this war, then God have mercy on us."

Uniform

Hitler donned a military uniform and pledged to his people he would not return to civilian clothes until the war was won, a promise he kept to his death.

The French played for time, adding a few insignificant hours to their mobilization, before declaring war.

There were those who thought the Poles could hold out for a couple of months. Even the Germans thought in terms of weeks. But German power had not been tested yet. It became a war of horse-drawn artillery against motorised guns that could cover bad roads at 40 miles (65 kilometres) an hour, a war of lances against tanks.

The Polish Air Force was destroyed in 48 hours by German bombers. Stukas pummeled the sky, dive-bombing Polish troops who quickly learned to lay low until the planes came out of their dives and fire at



Adolf Hitler: out to conquer the world

Famous last words

By Hans Neuerbourg

THE opening shots of what would become the world's most devastating war weren't enough to dislodge the classified ads that filled the front page of The Times of London in those days.

"At war with Germany," the headline proclaimed, spread over two columns — on Page 8.

Two days earlier, readers of Moscow's *Izvestia* had to turn to page 4 to find a terse piece on the German invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, the start of a war that eventually would claim at least 14 million Soviet lives. The headline proclaimed, spread over two columns — on Page 8.

In Paris, *Le Temps* commented Sept. 2, one day before Britain and France declared war on Germany: "We are certain that the government will do everything to avoid a catastrophe, if this is possible. The entire country stands behind it to fight... for the freedom of the people and its own independence, but it is ready, too, to listen to all voices that may still be raised in favour

of appeasement."

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Said a wishful editorial in the *Koelnische Zeitung* of Cologne: "The voluntary confinement of our strategy... and the respect of Belgian, Dutch, Luxembourg and Swiss neutrality by Germany could make it easy for London and Paris to let the German-Polish conflict pass as a local dispute."

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"That's not the issue here," he said.

He reels off statistics. Alaska, Wyoming, Delaware, Vermont and North Dakota have smaller populations than Washington's 560,000. Washington residents pay more federal taxes than most other states.

"This is taxation without representation. Even Beijing and Moscow are represented in their legislatures," Jackson said.

With an area of 68,22 square miles (176,12 square kilometres), DC would be less than one-tenth the size of Rhode Island, by far the smallest of the 50 states.

Jackson shrugs that off. Statehood will open the seat to black Americans who are not currently represented in the chamber, Jackson said. His logic is based on the fact that Washington is predominantly black, and each state has two senators.

Would he like to be Senator Jackson, or maybe Governor Jackson?

"That's not the issue here," he said.

Jackson has not yet held public office, but political observers suggest the beleaguered mayor may choose to step down sometime next year and leave Jackson a virtually clear field. That would gladden those who think a mayoral run could preclude a third bid for the Democratic party's presidential nomination in 1992.

Some suggest that without the often-controversial Jackson on the Democrats' left-wing, the party might stand a better chance of unifying and capturing the White House in 1992 after more than 10 years in presidential exile.

But Jackson refuses to be drawn into such speculation.

"I stand a good chance of winning the (presidential) nomination if I choose to run in 1992," he said. "I'm on an upward curve."

In contests for delegates to the 1988 Democratic party nominating convention, Jackson ran first in 13 states and second in 33.

Amid packing cartons, with the sign on the door still an obscure environmental group, Jackson's rainbow coalition is in full swing after moving here last week.

"In this interim period," as Jackson called it, he's launching campaigns to encourage parents to participate in their children's education and to increase voter registration of blacks.

(AP — Washington)

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Mayoral bid

Jackson in Washington

JESSE JACKSON is relaxed, almost sleepy. He is biding his time. Gone for the moment, the fiery preacher of the campaign trail, belligerent, provocative language remains.

His voice low, his legs clad in blue jeans and boots, the black civil rights leader and two-time presidential candidate dodges questions about his political future, especially the rumours that he will run for Mayor of Washington next year.

For the time being, Jackson has moved in home and office from Chicago to the capital, but that's as far as he'll commit himself publicly. "It's not an appropriate time to discuss a mayoral bid."

But he drops tantalizing hints: "I'm not interested in being a mayor under occupation. That's not very attractive," he said. Does this mean he won't run for mayor? "There's no race in 1989," is the answer.

Jackson calls Washington "the cradle of democracy and the last domestic US colony." What he means is that Washington, or the District of Columbia as it is otherwise known, is a city controlled by Congress. Although city residents can vote for president, they have only a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives and no senator.

Jackson wants Washington to become the 51st or 52nd state, depending on whether Puerto Rico votes for statehood when a plebiscite is held there in 1991.

"Congress is an occupying power. It can appropriate land, restrict the budget. The mayor is under occupation. He has no ability to influence Congress except through sympathy, and when there's none of that..."

And there is very little sympathy in Congress for Mayor Marion Barry, Jackson's old friend from the days of their 1960 civil rights marches.

The three-term mayor has been dogged by questions about his behaviour. He has been the object of a criminal investigation over his ties to a convicted drug dealer. And two of his top aides have been convicted for stealing from the city.

Washington's record drug-related killings — making it the murder rate the country's highest — its high infant mortality rate and the city's budget deficit have prompted Congress to consider a critical study of the capital's management. Instead of raising the city to statehood, it has been suggested that some of the mayor's power be turned over to a non-elected city manager.

Jackson is appalled



Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones



Mickey Rourke

Tom Cruise in "Rain Man"



Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner

Donald Sutherland



Michael Keaton in "Batman"

Hollywood hopes rise

Autumn schedule

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): Can the movie community stage a sequel to compete with its \$2 billion box-office blockbuster this summer?

Not likely.

Not in its long history has Hollywood enjoyed a more profitable three months than this June, July and August. Since Memorial Day there have been five \$100 million-plus films: *Batman*, *Indiana Jones* and *The Last Crusade*, *Lethal Weapon 2*, *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* and *Ghostbusters II*.

It is unlikely exhibitors will see anything like that during the next six months.

But many heavy-hitting dramas, released near the end of the year for Academy Award consideration, are scheduled for this fall and winter. Additionally, there are dozens of comedies, action-adventure, horror drama and romantic offerings.

Drama

We're in for two Paul Newman vehicles — *Blaze*, in which he plays legendary Louisiana Gov. Earl Long during his love affair with a stripper, and *Fat Man and Little Boy*, with Newman as Gen. Leslie Groves, commander of the Manhattan Project's Atomic Bomb development.

Michael Douglas stars in *Black Rain* as a New York detective chasing a killer to Japan, where he encounters an exotic underworld.

The *Two Jakes* stars Jack Nicholson who also directs the film, a sequel to the 1974 *Chinatown* hit in which he plays detective Jake Gittes.

A Dry White Season is a tale of black and a white family set in 1976 South Africa, starring Donald Sutherland, Marlon Brando and Susan Sarandon.

Kill Me Again stars Val Kilmer and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer in a story of a woman who hires a detective to help fake her murder.

Robert de Niro and Jane Fonda lovers in *Stanley & Iris* dealing with an illiterate factory worker who falls for a widowed co-worker.

Johnny Handsome is a story of revenge, romance and redemption with Mickey Rourke, Morgan Freeman and Ellen Barkin.

Old Gringo, features Gregory Peck as American journalist Ambrose Bierce and Jane Fonda as an American governess during Pancho Villa's Mexico revolution.

Mountains of the Moon is an account of the 19th century explorers Sir Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke seeking the source of the Nile.

Dustin Hoffman, Sean Connery and Matthew Broderick are featured in *Family Business*, with three generations of a family committed to a daring robbery.

Glory is an account of the first US black fighting regiment in the civil war, starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman.

Born on the 4th of July, director Oliver (Platoon) Stone's movie version of Ron Kovic's book, starring Tom Cruise as a paraplegic Vietnam veteran.

Barbara Hershey plays an attorney whose lover-client is murdered in *Defenders*, and defends her lover's wife in court.

Tom Selleck tackles drama as a man framed and sent to prison who tries to clear his name in *An Innocent Man* co-starring F. Murray Abraham.

Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell team up to play rival cops framed by the mafia for killing a federal agent in *Tango and Cash*.

I Love You to Death, a bizarre story of love and attempted murder starring Kevin Kline and Tracey Ullman under the direction of Lawrence Kasdan.

The *Fabulous Baker Boys*, stars Jeff and Beau Bridges as a pair of piano players who hire a female singer, Michelle Pfeiffer, to help their act.

In Country stars Bruce Willis and Emily Lloyd in a portrait of a family's struggle to heal the wounds caused by Vietnam.

Matthew Modine plays a first-year medical student in *Gross Anatomy* with Christine Lahti and Daphne Zuniga, a study of medical student trauma.

Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter star in Steven Spielberg's *Always*, a contemporary romance set against forest fires.

Welcome Home finds Kris Kristofferson as a Vietnam vet who turns up alive after 17 years to discover his "widow" (JoBeth Williams) remarried.

Sea of Love has Al Pacino starring as a New York City cop infatuated with a beautiful woman (Ellen Barkin) murder suspect.

Robert Duvall portrays Nazi Adolf Eichmann in *The White Crow* on trial for his crimes. Glenn Close plays a woman whose life is changed by her involvement.

Bette Midler goes for drama with John Goodman in *Stella*, the story of a single mother's love and sacrifice.

Patrick Swayze and Adam Baldwin star in *Next of Kin*, the story of a Chicago cop and his Appalachian kinfolk seeking vengeance against the Mafia.

Missie Box stars Jessica Lange, a criminal lawyer who defends her father accused of committing unspeakable war crimes.

Comedy

Traditionally, Hollywood's major comedy films are released during the summer when the kids are on vacation. But there are laughs aplenty in store for moviegoers during the coming cold months.

Perhaps the most touching and gentlest comedy of the year is *Starry Valentine*, starring Pauline Collins (who won the Tony for this role on stage) and Tom Conti.

The War of the Roses brings back Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito (who directed) in the further misadventures of the trio of *Romancing the Stone* and *Jewel of the Nile*.

Back to the Future Part II, provides more time travel for Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson.

Another sequel is *The Gods Must be Crazy II* with James Uys writing and directing once again.

Driving Miss Daisy stars Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur and Jessica Tandy as a Jewish matron, based on the Pulitzer prize-winning play.

Jack Palance plays Ted Danson's father in *Dad*, a story of a father and son who rediscover their relationship during a family crisis.

The Wizard focus on a 13-year-old boy and his younger brother on a cross-country romp for a video game championship with Fred Savage and Beau Bridges.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): Patrick Swayze has begun work in *Ghost*, a new Paramount Pictures comedy co-starring Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg.

Swayze will be seen as a ghost in New York City determined to communicate with the woman he loves (Moore) with the assistance of a psychic (Goldberg), a charlatan who is amazed to discover her powers are authentic.

Jerry Zucker will direct the comedy for producer Lisa Weinstein from an original screenplay written by Bruce Joel Rubin.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): Producer-writer Danny Arnold, best known for his *Barney Miller* sitcom, has signed with Walt Disney Pictures and Television to create TV and feature film product for the studio.

Under the terms of his contract, Arnold will be involved in the development and production of a wide range of projects for the organization, a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Studios.

In addition to *Barney Miller*, Arnold produced *TV's My World and Welcome to It*, *Bewitched*, *The Real McCoys*, *The Cid and Fela*.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): New Century-Vista Film Company has acquired world-wide theatrical distribution on rights to *Cage*, starring Lou Ferrigno and Rob Brown.

Scheduled for release in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago in September, *Cage* depicts the illegal world of the Asian sport of cage fighting.

Directed by Lang Elliott, *Cage* was filmed in Los Angeles' Chinatown district where cage fighting is supposed to take place. The sport is a brutal underground spectator event where hand-to-hand combat often results in death.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): Rue McClanahan, one of the stars of TV's *Golden Girl* series, will play the title role in *The Worst Witch*, an NBC-TV special schedule for broadcast in October.

The half-hour special features Burgess Meredith and a pair of current TV castmembers, Raffi de Blasio (almost grown) and Jackie Gayle (*The Boys*). Paul Fusco, co-creator of the *Alf* series, will produce the comedy with Steve Dubin directing.

McClanahan, as Avarissa, enlists a cadre of goblins on Halloween to help her end the curse that has banished her to the nether world for 300 years.



Jane Fonda

Chilled out comic Shore

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, Aug 29, (UPI): How can anyone under 40 ever forget Jeff Spicoli of "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"?

Portrayed by Sean Penn in a role that first brought him to national attention, Spicoli was a real cool dude, a brain-damaged surfer who had a pizza delivered to his high school, right in the middle of class.

Spicoli became a symbol for the Wacko California Dude who dug chicks in thong bikinis, slept through classes, lived to surf and eventually became a celebrity.

That person has now been taken over by Pauly Shore, a 21-year-old stand-up comic who, well, would be considered off the wall if he were aware of walls.

Whether Shore is for real is tough to fathom. It doesn't matter because on-camera or off, he's like, chilled out, man.

The beauty of Shore's humour is that he doesn't attack the establishment. He doesn't even know there's an establishment. He deals with his generation, college and high school yuppie-types who live in hermetically sealed pods.

"Social problems?" he asked. "I don't know that stuff, man. I just try to get through the day, like waking up and swimming when the water's cold. My generation is lazy, man. We're lazy."

Shore is about to be seen in "Phantom of the Mall," a film due out in September and "The Wedding Band," which is scheduled for release in mid-October.

The son of comedian Sammy and Mitzi Shore (owner of the comedy store), Pauly sports a tangle of tightly curled dark hair, his clothes are refugee rumpled. His voice is like, well, mod-spacey.

Examples of his nihilistic humour:

"I would give anything to meet my great granddad, and of course Cory Feldman."

"I love to pamper myself with doritos, root beer and a comfortable couch to watch MTV."

"My goal is to be Gandhi, leader of all the kids that never made it to college."

"The perfect evening for me would be to mud wrestle with Madonna."

"Even though I know it's wrong, I do jumping jacks while smoking a cigarette."

"Whenever I feel sorry for myself, I eat a Bologna sandwich with tuna."

At lunch recently, Shore said his parents were divorced when he was three. His father encouraged him to be a comic. His mother was against it, pointing to his father as a bad example.

"My father is weird," he said. "When I was in Beverly Hills Little League, he would sit in the stands in his speedos and pretend to be gay and yell, 'Hit the ball, you little bleep.'

"He made me laugh. sometimes I made him laugh."

"My first movie was 'For Keeps' with Molly Ringwald. I signed for 13 weeks at \$1,500 a week. I only worked maybe two weeks. That's a lot of weeks, man."

"I mad enough money to move into an apartment. But it was small, so I moved back in with my mother with the swimming pool and all that stuff, you know?"

"When I play Dunes Hotel in Vegas I change my act to keep the old people happy. I start out, 'like how you guys doing?' I can see a lot of people thinking, 'hey, didn't we leave him at home?'"

"Then I say, 'I'm the future of America — kinda scary, huh?' then I go, 'think about it, you guys, what's it gonna be like in 30 years?'

"I tell 'em in 30 years they can take their driving lessons in Spanish, English or dude, dude. 'Stead of taking 'true' or 'false' questions they will be 'totally' or not even."

Shore is convinced he is the comic for the 1990s with a brand of humour that pokes fun of being hip.

In an confrontation, Shore can plead unconscious or preoccupied with theme songs from "The Brady Bunch" and "Gilligan's Island."

"Comedy is a matter of style," he said in a brief stab at straight.

"That's why the guys are funnier from the comedy clubs than 'Saturday Night Live.'

Shore has done some TV turns, including "21 Jump Street," and "St. Elsewhere."

"I'm always moving man," he said. "I wanna set up a college campus tour with my friend Chris Rock, a black dude. It's all attitude of the streets. Him from Brooklyn, me from Hollywood. It's black and white unity. I look like alfalfa and he looks like buckwheat."

Unspoilt 'resort'

Penal colony to get new life

By Paul Holmes

THE silence, the turquoise sea and the wild horses grazing peacefully in the sun suggest a paradise island, until a man in manacles steps under guard from a motor launch.

A convicted drug trafficker, he has arrived on the island of Asinara, a penal colony within sight of the northwest tip of Sardinia where Italian justice once banished its hardest criminals to a life sentence of despair.

But now, after 104 years off limits to the law-abiding public, Italy's Alcatraz may be destined for a brighter future as an accessible nature reserve and village-style open prison.

The unique plan is the brainchild of prisons Director-General Nicolo Amato, who says he is determined to save one of the Mediterranean's last unspoiled outposts from the tourist onslaught that has marred so much of Italy's coastline.

Blessed with natural beauty that belies its bleak purpose, Asinara is 52 square km (20 square miles) of mountains and Mediterranean scrubland where trees seem to have stood still.

A haven for many protected species of birds, marine life and animals that include rare breeds of white donkey and wild mountain sheep, it has no asphalt roads. Its only buildings are the scattered constructions of the penal colony.

"There are us, the prisoners and the mountain sheep," said one warden on a tour past unpolished rocky coves and deserted beaches of pure white sand.

The use of Asinara as a prison island, accessible only to those condemned or authorised to set foot there, is recognised as the reason it has remained much as it was when it was sealed off in 1885.

But recent reforms improving life in Italian jails and a sharp fall in the national convict population have also reduced Asinara's importance to the prison system.

And as the number of Asinara's unwilling inhabitants has dwindled, rumours that developers are poised to swoop have spread along the Sardinian coast. Pressure has increased on the Justice Ministry to return the island to local control.

That is where Amato's plan comes in.

He is convinced that only the presence of the prisons service can preserve Asinara from property speculators and believes his plan could be valid for two smaller Italian prison islands in the Mediterranean, Pianosa and Gorgona.

"We know that as long as there is one convict and one warden on Asinara, Pianosa and Gorgona the islands will be safe from any kind of speculation or commercial aggression," Amato said in an interview in Rome.

"The principal beauty of Asinara is that it is uncontaminated, virgin nature undisturbed by the explosion of building work and speculation that has encroached relentlessly on every area that can be exploited for tourism."

"I believe it would be an unforgivable crime if everything possible was not done to preserve the island's beauty," Amato said.

He was backing for his plan from local authorities in Sardinia this month and intends to have it formally drawn up in consultation with them by the end of the year. (Reuter Asinara)

World War II Japan in 1939

Taking over Asia

By David Butts

BY the time Nazi Germany invaded Poland on Sept 1, 1939, Japan had been engaged in its push for power in Asia for almost eight years.

Japan began an undeclared war with China in 1931, and it now viewed Adolf Hitler's move into Poland as a boon.

By 1939, Japan had held the northeastern Chinese province of Manchuria for eight years and was two years into its battle for China proper.

The Japanese had taken Beijing, Shanghai, Nanking and Canton but were facing determined opposition from the combined forces of the Chinese communists, led by Mao Tse-Tung, and the Chinese nationalists, led by Chiang Kai-Shek.

Japan's strategy was to have Hitler tip the British, French and Dutch in Europe while the Japanese pushed beyond China into the traditionally European

spheres of influence in Asia.

In 1940 Japan formed the Axis Alliance with Germany and Italy.

The Japanese were so willing to embrace Hitler and his Nazi war machine in 1939 that they began spreading anti-Semitic propaganda in Tokyo despite the near total absence of Japanese Jews.

"To show their oneness with Nazi Germany, they (the Japanese) even agreed to blame the machinations of the Jews for turning the rest of the world against them," said Leonard Mosley in his book "Hirohito, Emperor of Japan."

Couched

Japan wanted desperately to join the Western nations as a world power, but to do so it needed colonies of its own with material and human resources.

Tokyo aimed at taking over all of Asia.

Word leaked out slowly of Japanese atrocities, including the rape of Nanking, when Japanese soldiers ran amok in a two-month reign of terror in the Chinese capital from December 1937 to February 1938 that left up to 200,000 dead.

But brutality was not the only concern of the Western powers.

The Japanese were challenging

their economic interests in China and the rest of Asia.

The British, French and Americans had profited from trade with China, and Japan was threatening to take that away.

Japan, spurred by the successes of the German blitzkrieg in Europe, began to push beyond China southward into Indonesia in 1940.

The move was too much for the Americans, who together with the European countries concerned imposed a ban on sales of oil, steel and iron to Japan.

The United States demanded Japan withdraw its army from the areas it had occupied since 1931.

The Japanese refused and on Dec 7, 1941, launched the surprise attack on Pearl Harbour that brought the United States into war with Japan, Italy and Germany. (UPI)

Family man in TV divorce

Jewel in Malik's crown

By Mary Kemp

HAPPILY-married Art Malik is thinking about divorce. Not that his English wife Gina has anything to worry her pretty head about...

For Pakistani-born Art, who found fame as Hari Kumar in *The Jewel and the Crown*, is the star of a controversial new TV series about divorce.

In the £3 million six-hour series called *Stolen*, Art plays Pakistani property developer Salim who demands a divorce when he discovers his wife has been unfaithful.

One day, while she is at work, he kidnaps their two young children from school and takes them back to Pakistan. Art, who has two young daughters of his own, said: "As soon as I found out that *Stolen* was about divorce, I was very interested."

"We live in a world where people get involved in marriages and marriages break down. From very early on, children become the victims of divorce."

"When this happens, a new set of rules has to be drawn up. Unfortunately, *Stolen* is about one person deciding he's going to make the contract and issue ultimatums without having gone through the conversation with the other people involved."

Softly spoken Art went on: "If Gina and I split up, I think I would want to deal with the pain of infidelity and to be aware rather than runaway. You have to talk about the ugly side of divorce."

He has spent five days filming in Pakistan but is now sitting on the daisy-covered lawn of a cottage in Kent, where the final episode of *Stolen* is being shot.

His home, an Edwardian house in Kingston, Surrey, is less than two hours away. That's where daughters Jessica, eight, and six-year-old Keira will greet him with bear hugs when he has finished work.

Art said: "Jessica and Keira are great leverlellers when you come back from all this and they scream and shout at you and tell you that you've opened the wrong can of beans or something."

Recently, Art and Gina have been talking about expanding their family. Art told me: "We've talked about having two more children, maybe in a year's time."

"We want to have another batch because when you've invested all that money in clothes and toys and they are lying around, you may as well recirculate them!"

A devoted family man and madly in love with his wife, Art is far from the character he plays in *Stolen*.

He has already been likened, in both looks and talent, to Omar Sharif. It's easy to see why he sets so many female hearts a-flutter. And he's been doing what ever since he was at college at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where he met Gina.

Gina was going out with Mark Ardoin, who plays Vaseline in the TV series London's Burning, at the time. Art explains: "Gina and I were friends. So when she told me how their relationship was going wrong, I was slowly sowing the seeds of the destruction of the relationship."

"I'd say to Gina, 'What a shame.' Let's go to dinner and talk about it!"

Art would probably never have met Gina if



Art Malik: family life is the jewel in his crown

Heart-throb actor Art Malik is starring in a new TV series about the agonies of divorce but in real life he's a loving husband and father—and even planning 'another batch' of offspring

he had pursued his original intention of becoming a computer salesman. He said: "I'd always wanted to be an architect but I didn't get the right A-levels at school."

Change

"I decided to change tack completely and thought I would like to become a systems analyst and flog computers. I like the idea of working for IBM and just travelling around."

"So I went and did an HND in business studies but I realised quite early on that I had no desire to get involved in the world of business. Then I began going to Wednesday afternoon drama classes and realised I enjoyed acting much more."

Art, the son of an eye-surgeon, had already made his acting debut as a 14-year-old schoolboy when his drama teacher warned him against becoming an actor.

"I played an aunt in a play called *The Pen of My Aunt* and I had to wear a skirt and a wig. It was a house drama competition, the maximum points you could get was 20 from the five judges, and the minimum was four. My production actually managed to get three points."

"My note was — the next time I ever attempted to play a female, I would kindly remember that women tend to keep their knees together."

"You can understand why the careers master didn't think that acting was a good idea."

It was at the same grammar school in Tooting, London, that he was nicknamed Art. He explained: "My real name is Arthur but at school that got changed to Arthur, which is an awful name and one which I took great exception to."

Arthur got changed to Artur and then Artur Pint and all the rest of it. Then finally the mother of one of my friends started calling me Art, which I thought was quite nice."

"And anyway, it's a lot more memorable. I started my acting career as Arthur Malik and you'd ring up people and they'd say 'who?' It was a name no-one seemed to know what to do with."

Romantically-inclined friends tell Art his real name means twilight or serenity, but he doesn't believe a word of it. He said: "We called our youngest daughter Keira which in Celtic means possessor of black hair. Keira's hair is blonde."

Art's hair is black, wavy and very thick — the sort of hair women dream of. But he is quick to dismiss the idea that he has become a sex symbol. He said: "I think that he's like reacting at physical levels."

"I think when you start watching a two-dimensional character who's put together in a dramatic format, you then create something else. For example, in *The Jewel* and *The Crown* my character evoked an emotional response from the audience."

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Tango beats British troops

INVADING British troops surrendered in the Argentine capital after a pitched battle against the Tango.

So runs the story line of "Tango War," an Argentine musical film. The movie opened just days before British and Argentine diplomats last week held the first bilateral talks in five years on restoring diplomatic ties broken during the 1982 Falkland Islands war.

The film's original title was "Cipayos," which is Spanish for sepoys, the name that was given in India to Indian soldiers who served in European armies. In Argentina it is a derogatory term used to describe those natives who spur their fatherland's interests and culture to serve foreign masters.

"The movie seeks to attack British colonialism and the sepoys in many Argentines," Jorge Coscia, the film's director, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

The film's Spanish subtitle, "The Third Invasion," alludes to the two times British troops overran Buenos Aires in the early 1800s, when it was the capital of the Spanish

viceroyalty of the River Plate. Both times the invaders were ousted by combined local and Spanish troops.

Britain and Argentina went to war in 1982 over the Falkland Islands, a barren, sparsely populated South Atlantic archipelago over which Buenos Aires claims sovereignty. More than 1,000 servicemen were killed in the 10-week conflict before invading Argentine troops surrendered to a British task force.

In the movie, set in modern times, the tango — Argentina's national music — stands for the Argentine national identity, which is supposedly threatened by a flood of foreign music like rock and roll.

"But it is not just tango versus rock. It's our culture against what's foreign, when what's foreign outgrows our own things," Coscia said.

Coscia portrays the residents of Buenos Aires as inhabitants of a latter-day South American Hong Kong organising a musical resistance against British troops armed with tanks and submachine-guns.

The Tango Gang, the vanguard of nation-

alist resistance, fights dancing duels against the Poplins, Anglophiles who worship rock and roll and hang out at a pub called McRonald's.

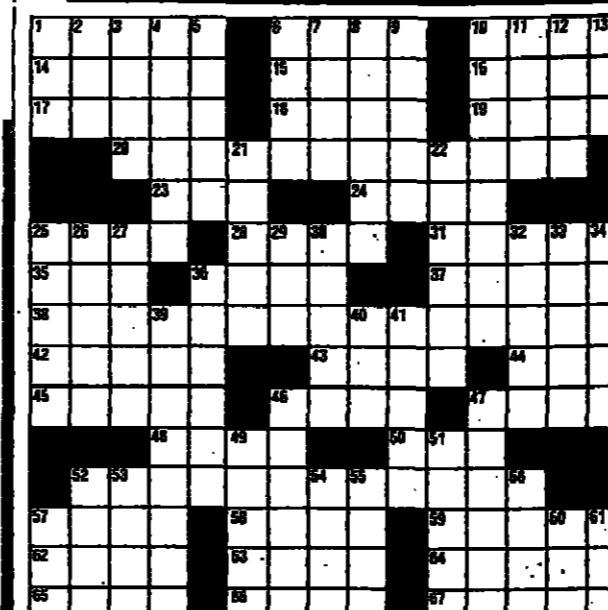
The British forces win the upper hand when they capture the tangos' dance instructor at his studio. But the resistance movement strikes back at the invaders' weak point — its sepoys troops.

Little by little the "Gurkhas," the "Chindits," the "Bengal Lancers" and other Asian regiments are seduced into deserting by the sensual rhythm or the tango.

The British commander, Colonel William Beresford, a direct descendant of the leader of one of last century's British invasions, is reduced to a few Irish troops when he catches the leaders of the tango gang.

But the odds are definitely against Beresford because among the Argentine rebels there is a red-haired, freckled descendant of Irish immigrants, who appeals to his captors' British feelings and sparks a final uprising against the invading commander.

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Energy File

OPEC urged to stick to quota

ALGIERS, Aug 29, (Reuters): Algeria and Libya urged fellow OPEC members today to respect their oil production quotas and said violations threatened the organisation's unity.

A joint communiqué carried by the Algerian news agency APS said the Algerian and Libyan oil ministers agreed after talks in Tripoli to intensify contacts within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The two countries have noticed with regret the recent disorder in the oil market which has resulted from the non-adhesion of certain OPEC states to the agreement reached at the last meeting in Vienna," the statement said.

OPEC states agreed in June to limit output to 19.5 million barrels per day (BPD) to support a price of \$18 a barrel. But industry sources say total OPEC output now exceeds 21 million BPD, with most of the excess coming from Gulf Arab producers.

The Libyan-Algerian statement said the excess had weakened world oil prices and caused "huge damage" to OPEC economies.

It said the two countries had agreed to intensify contacts with member states as facing endangering the solidarity and unity of the organisation.

OPEC states are to meet in Geneva on September 23 to discuss output levels for the rest of the year.

Oil exploration

SEOUL, Aug 29, (OPECNA): Expansion in trade and increased co-operation in oil exploration between Indonesia and South Korea will be explored at the 11th annual meeting of the joint Indonesian-South Korean committee for mineral and resource co-operation opening today in Bali, Indonesia.

The South Korean side to the two-day event will be led by Energy and Resources Minister Lee Hong-Suh.

The agenda will also include South Korea's coal supply to the Indonesian state-run electric power corporation and prospects of initiating joint development projects.

Oil discovery

AMMAN, Aug 29, (KUNA): Jordanian daily "Sawt Al Sha'b" today said that light oil was discovered in south eastern Jordan and explorations are now underway to determine its quantity and economic feasibility by the concerned authorities.

The paper quoted an authoritative source as saying that such a discovery is very important because the oil was of the light type and was found in a shallow area of 1,400 metres deep only.

Oil imports up

TOKYO, Aug 29, (OPECNA): Japan's crude oil imports in July rose 10.8 per cent to 3.19 million BPD from 2.88 million BPD the previous month, according to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI).

A report released here last week said the country's crude imports from the Middle East rose to 2.1 million BPD in the month from 2.02 million BPD in June, accounting for 63.9 per cent of total imports.

Oil supplies from Southeast Asia represented 21.3 per cent of total imports, or 679,000 BPD during the month, up from 16.2 per cent (467,000 BPD) in June.

Higher prices

NEW YORK, Aug 29, (KUNA): Crude oil prices will rise at a faster pace over the next five years than the world-wide inflation rate, estimated at three to four per cent, according to a survey by Salomon Brothers.

The reasons are declining crude oil production capacity in key industrial nations and an increasing dependence on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the survey, published today said.

Real estate investment surges

Regulatory efforts aim to improve Kuwait's securities market

TO accommodate the decline in the state public revenues, the Kuwaiti economy witnessed during the past few years intensive efforts exerted by the economic management in the country through procedures aimed at enhancing the domestic economic activity and sustaining development to enable the domestic economy to achieve sustainable growth rates, according to Economic Report published by Kuwait Central Bank.

In the early eighties the growth rates of domestic public expenditure declined after a decrease in oil revenues and consequently in the state public revenues. Since public expenditure is the main driving force of economic activity in Kuwait, the decline in this expenditure, associated with many unfavourable local and external developments, led performance levels in some major economic sectors to decline.

The report said: "To identify the features of the current economic situation we demonstrate major economic indicators

reflecting the performance of the domestic economy and changes in the activities of various economic sectors as follows:

After a decline of 8.6 per cent in 1985 and 17.4 per cent in 1986, the gross domestic product (GDP) at current prices for 1987 totalled KD5,444.5 million, having increased by 13 per cent over the previous year.

In 1987 the GDP of the oil sector was estimated at KD2,232.2 million against KD1,841.8 million in the previous year, an increase of 21.2 per cent. Conversely, the growth rate of the GDP on non-oil sectors increased from 4.5 per cent in 1986 to 8 per cent in the value added of oil refining activities between these two years.

It is noticed, in general, that the difference in growth rates of GDP for both oil and non-oil sectors was associated with substantial changes in the structure of domestic economic activity that led the relative importance of oil sector in the composition of GDP to increase from 38.2 per

cent in 1986 to 41 per cent in 1987.

From statistics on the Ministry of Planning, it can be deduced that the level of domestic consumer and investment demand increased by 5.6 per cent (on a yearly basis) in 1987 against 4 per cent in 1986. While government consumption expenditure and total investment expenditure (fixed capital formation) declined by 4.4 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively in 1987, the increase in domestic demand during 1986 and 1987 was mainly a result of an increase from 2 per cent to 16.2 per cent in the growth rate of private consumption expenditure bringing the ratios of consumer expenditure to both GDP and non-oil GDP from 49.9 per cent and 80.8 per cent in 1986 to 51.3 per cent and 86.9 per cent respectively in 1987.

According to estimates of the Central Bank of Kuwait for 1988, it is expected that both the non-oil GDP and the GDP (at current prices) will grow by 9 per cent and 3.8 per cent respectively

above their levels in the previous year, against a decline of 3.7 per cent in oil GDP.

In harmony with the goals of the state's fiscal policy of maintaining a level of public expenditure sufficient for securing an appropriate level for momentum of domestic economic activity and enhancing activity in major sectors, the volume of public expenditure in the general budget of the fiscal year 1988/89 was estimated at KD3,194.8 million, an increase of 1.2 per cent above its estimated level in the general budget of the previous fiscal year.

After deducting 10 per cent of the total public revenues for the Future Generations Reserve Fund, the deficit in the general budget was estimated to decrease from KD1,376.5 million in the fiscal year 1987/88 to KD1,346.2 million in the fiscal year 1988/89. It can be noted that the value of the deficit in the closing account of the fiscal year 1987/88 totalled KD779.4 million, a decline of 43.4 per cent below its estimated

level in the budget.

Signs of improvement in the performance of the Kuwaiti economy during 1988 can be seen also by demonstrating the momentum of economic activity in some major economic sectors such as real estate, building and construction and trade, that are closely related to the general performance level of the economy.

From statistics of the Kuwait Real Estate Bank it can be realised that the prices of real estate investment rose during 1988 by 15-20 per cent and in some areas by 40-60 per cent. Furthermore, the prices of commercial real estate in most areas of Kuwait increased by 18-29 per cent.

As regards the trade sector, data from local banks indicate that the value of financing Kuwaiti imports increased by 14.3 per cent in 1988 over the previous year, totalling KD1,151 million, leading to expectations of improvement in the momentum of trade activity in the country.

The economic report said that

during 1988, the capital market in Kuwait witnessed several developments in various fields, some of which were the issuance of decisions and regulatory procedures aimed at improving market performance, such as the new clearing system. There were also some local and foreign economic developments that had their effects on market performance in terms of traded shares, 14.3 per cent in their value and 14.2 per cent in number of transactions below their levels in the previous year.

The application of a new clearing system as from May 28, 1988 helped in activating the momentum of the securities market, leading to increasing the rate of KD-turnover inside the market. Activity was concentrated in the second quarter, particularly in June, when trading constituted 71.9 per cent of the total volume of trading in the whole quarter, following the application of the day-to-day clearing system.

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Easy access sought for petrochemical market

Iraq backs GCC move

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug 29, (AP): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Chalabi has joined Gulf leaders who seek easy access for their petrochemical products in European markets, the Al Yawm daily reported today.

The report came on the eve of tomorrow's meeting in Manama of representatives of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council and the European Economic Community.

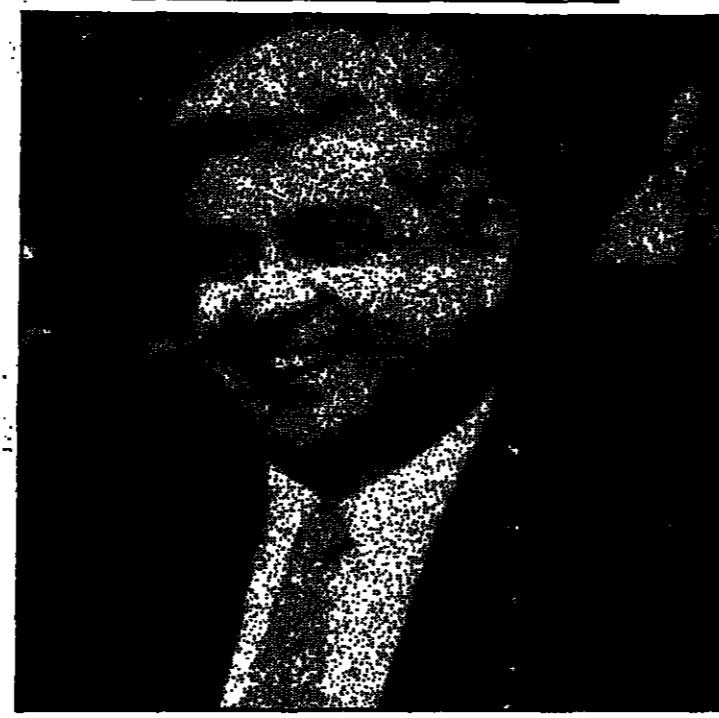
The GCC, which groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, has been campaigning to overcome EEC protective tariffs.

"We care very much about the attitude of consumer states towards Arab industrial products," Chalabi said in an interview with Al Yawm.

"There should be co-operation and co-ordination in policies to guarantee that Arab products gain markets in full freedom," he added.

"We do not seek preferential treatment in as much as we seek free competition," Chalabi noted.

The conservative Arab countries of the Gulf are striving to break their economic dependence on crude oil exports and expand into oil-related industries, particularly petrochemicals.



Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi

other petrochemical products a year.

Iraq co-operates closely with the GCC, whose member states are moving gradually toward establishing a common market along the lines of the EEC.

The Saudis have developed 15

major petrochemical projects over the last few years. Qatar, exploiting gas deposits in its big North Field offshore, is also driving to boost petrochemical exports.

But the GCC countries have found the development of their petrochemical sector impeded by the EEC tariff system.

A compromise solution could emerge from negotiations for a trade pact between the two blocs under which they would encourage joint petrochemical industries to circumvent the EEC hurdles.

The Manama conference paves the way for a higher-level "industrial dialogue" between the two blocs in Spain next month.

ECC tariffs on GCC petrochemicals now average 13 per cent and the planned dismantling of tariffs in Western Europe in 1992 has heightened GCC concern.

The petrochemical issue mars otherwise strong ties between GCC and EEC countries.

Latest estimates indicate that GCC states imported EEC commodities worth \$14.2 billion compared with US goods worth \$3.63 billion and Japanese goods worth \$5.65 billion. Saudi Arabia alone accounted for 59 per cent of the EEC imports.

Dr Herman T. Fransse, economic adviser, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman, will deliver a paper on "the status of OPEC supply."

Oman's Undersecretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Salem Bin Mohammed Bin Shabib, will also attend.

Heads of national oil corporations from the US, Britain, China, Japan and Europe will also deliver speeches on current and future oil production, consumption patterns in major exporting and importing countries.

Meanwhile, a specialised publication said oil demand growth resumed at a moderate pace in the second quarter of this year after a dramatic winter slowdown, due to mild weather.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON (LARGEST STOCKS)

JAGUAR	405/0	GVTT STRA	302/0	302/0	PROV FINL	333/0	332/0	58/6	58/6	K STA PAR	367/7	37/1	SEAGRA-CO	32/0	32/0
KINGFISHER	339/0	H'LND DIS	247/0	248/0	RAINE IND	101/4	102/0	NAT. HOST	8/5	8/6	SEAGULL EN	20/0	20/0		
LADBROKE	325.0	HALMA	183/0	182/0	RAINSONS	211/0	211/0	GEN. HOUSMR	10/4	10/4	NBI CORP	1/7	1/7		
LAND SEC'S	583.0	HAMMERS	851/0	855/0	RATNERS	255/0	256/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NCR CORP	64/6	64/6		
LAPORTE	511.0	HAZELWOOD	268/0	268/0	RECHAN EV	680/0	685/0	GEN. MILLS	70/4	70/5	NEW ENG. EL	26/6	26/7		
NAME	LAST	HEATH (CE)	471/0	472/0	REFUGEE GP	529/0	528/0	GEN. MOTORS	47/5	47/7	NEW PLA RE	17/0	17/1		
ABBEY NAT	48.00	HELENE PL	33/0	33/4	REGALION	105/0	105/0	GEN. CORP	17/5	17/5	NEWELL CO	44/4	44/6		
ADT LTD	199/0	HELICAL B	349/0	349/0	REGNCRST	62/0	63/0	GEN. ELECT	19/0	18/7	NEWMONT MI	40/1	40/3		
ALD LYONS	549/0	HEPworth	288/0	287/0	RENOLD	107/4	108/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NEWMONT GLD	34/2	34/2		
AMSTRAD	69/4	HEYWOOD W	284/0	285/0	RENTOKIL	372/0	373/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON	15/0	15/0		
ARGYLL GP	242/0	HICKS H	270/0	270/0	ROBINSON	451/0	450/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	6/0	6/0		
ASDA GP	199.0	HICKSON	270/0	270/0	ROCKFORT	91/0	90/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BAA	358/0	HIGGS HIC	334/0	335/0	ROTHSCHILD	220/0	220/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	59/1	59/1		
BTB	474/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ROTOR	178/0	178/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BAT INDS	840.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	RUGBY GRP	189/0	189/0	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BARCLAYS	543.0	HILLIER	169/0	170/0	ALBERTSONS	55/3	55/6	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BASS	083.0	HILTON	358.0	358.0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BEAZER	163/0	HILTON	358.0	358.0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BERISFORD	162.0	HILTON	358.0	358.0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BET ORD	315.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BICC PLC	548/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BLUE ARR	12.38	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BIG CIRC	247.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BOC GP	529/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BOOTS CO	301/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BPB INDS	243.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR COMM	169.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR AIRWAY	209.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR AEROSP	685/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR GAS RG	204.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR LAND	378.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
B.P.	303.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR STEEL	77.5	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BR TELCOM	264/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BUNZL	150.5	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BURMAH OL	650/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
BURTON	260.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
CABLE&WIR	578.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
CADBURY'S	418.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
CALOR GRP	423.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
CRILIN R.T.	880/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
COOKSONS	371.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
COURTAULD	81.61	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
DALGETT	20.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
DIXONS	67.50	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
ENG CHINA	443.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
ENTER OIL	590/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
FKI PLC	127/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
FERRANTI	70.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
FISONS	349/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
GATEWAY	234.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
GEN ACCIO	037.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
GEN ELEC	263.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
JKX	557/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
MANADA	355/0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0	90/2	GEN. INSTR	31/6	31/5	NIKON 10-20	78/0	78/2		
MEIRE	198.0	HILLIER	168/0	169/0	ALBANY	0									

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1989

INTERNATIONAL Bond Ratings

LONDON: The Bank of England said it will buy up to 400 million of medium dated gilt stock in a reverse auction to be held September 29.

Stockholm: Sweden's second bond auction since the lifting of foreign exchange regulations last July resulted in an average yield of 10.98 pct on the two billion crown 11 year issue, the national debt office said.

Zurich: Japan's Vivus Home Co Ltd is issuing 200 million Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura Bank (Switzerland) Ltd said.

London: Baobab Overseas Ltd is issuing a 75 million Ecu three-year Eurobond with a nine pct coupon priced at 101 3/4 pct, lead manager Merrill Lynch Europe Ltd said.

Tokyo: The National Bank of Hungary plans to sign on September 11 for a 15 billion yen, 10-year Samurai bond issue, capital market sources here said.

Tokyo: Japanese investors bought a net 4.57 billion dollars in foreign bonds through domestic and foreign securities houses in July, down from 9.98 billion in June, the Japan securities dealers association said.

BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	SMFC	32.50	34	35.75	MAT ORG	--	--	--
ACC	262	265	259.50	GRASIM	110.50	112	112	NIPPON	39	39	40
ALC CHEM	--	--	--	GSPC	162.50	162.50	163.75	NDCL	985	990	1005
ALM MIS.	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	71	70	71.50	OKRAY	15.75	15.75	16.50
ARI-FAB	67.50	65	68.50	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	9	10.50	OSMAL AGRO	88	87	87
ASHOK LEY	67.50	65	68.50	HERO HONDA	21	20	21	PETCO	19.50	19	19.50
ATLAS COP.	58	55	57.50	HIND COCOA	116.25	123.75	121.25	PONDS	170	170	171.25
AUTO CORP.	--	--	--	HIND LEVER	72	70	71.50	PREM AUTO	55.25	55	56
BAJAJ AUTO	325	330	332.50	HIND MOTOR	32.50	32	33	RAMBAXY	83.75	80	85
BAR-RAYON	600	612.50	657.50	HINDALCO	247.50	256.25	260	RAY WOOL	83	83	82.50
BK BOND	85	84	85	HOGCHST	800	800	840	RECKITT	172.50	170	172.50
BLOW-PLAST	--	--	--	IND OGS	40.50	41	41.50	RELIANCE	106	106	106
BON DYE	124	127	125.50	IND RAYON	78	78.50	78.25	SESA GOA	43	45	52
BSE INDEX	710.48	714.34	710.48	INGDROL	256.25	250	260	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
BURB. HEL	187.50	185	187.50	INGERSOLL	410	407.50	412.50	SHREE CEM	--	--	--
CEN SHARME	--	--	--	ITC	119	118	121.50	SHRI FIB	77.50	75	77
CEN ENKA	2750	2750	2775	JK SYN	77.50	77.50	80.50	STEMENS	70	68	67
CEN SPG	2035	2040	2070	KIN ENGG	137.50	140	138.75	SKF	1250	1270	1250
COLGATE	313.75	317.50	317.50	KIR CUMM	65.50	64.50	65.25	SPIC	46.50	46.50	48
CRONT GR	--	--	--	KLKB PUMPS	370	365	370	ST MILLS	350	350	350
DCM	11.50	10.50	11.50	L AND T	101	101	102	TATA CHEM	119	119	121
DEEP FERT	29	29	30	LIPTON	68	70	69	TATA OIL	70	70	72.50
DUNLOP	80	78	80	MAC RUSSEL	132.50	132.50	133	TATA POW	347.50	352.50	347.5
ET HOTELS	58	57	58	MAD COATS	--	--	--	TECO	1015	1018	1015
ESCORTS	75.50	71.50	72	MAHINDRA	87.50	87	88	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESKAYEF	111.25	112.50	111.25	MAS SHARE	15.50	15.35	15.65	TISSO	1225	123.50	1233
ESSAR SPG	29.25	30.50	30.35	MICO	595	590	590	VAN ORG	151.25	153.75	155
FOOD SPL	156.25	158.75	158.75	MILKFOOD	190	185	190	VARELLI	25	25.75	26.25
FORBES	48.75	47.75	50	MODA	85	93.75	87.50	VOLTAS	845	840	845
GAR POLY	68.50	67.50	68.50	MRF LTD	342.50	--	--	WINCO	16	16	16
GE SHIPPING	39.25	39.75	39.50	MUK IRON	129	131	131	ZENITH	52	51	52
GLINDIA	89.50	91.50	91	NAT. INDEX	369.18	372.92	ZUARI AGRO	71	70	71	--

FRANCE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
AEG	244.0
ALLIANZ VR	2126.0
BADENWERK	226.0
BAF	299.0
BAYER	309.3
BAYER HYP	400.0
BAYER VER	387.0
BBC	515.0
BFR	437.0
BMF	602.5
COMMERZBK	252.5
CONTI GRUMM	309.0
DAIMER-BEN	838.0
DEUTSC BANK	664.5
DLW	560.0
DOUGLAS-HD	670.0
DRESDNER B	350.5
DT BABCOCK	217.0
FAZ INDEX	658.50
FELDNERB	434.00
GOLDSCHMID	433.8
HARPER	458.0
HOECHST AG	298.0
HOECHST	242.5
KORTEN	279.5
KALI SALZ	216.0
KARSTADT	595.2
KAUHOF	513.0
KLOECK-N	193.0
KLOECK V	161.5
LINDE	794.0
LUFTKRAF	199.0
MAM	351.5
MANNESMAN	257.5
MERCEDES	695.0
METALLGES	460.0
NIXDORF PF	354.0
NORK HYD	43.60
PHILIP KOM	565.0
POSCHE	834.5
PREUSSAG	304.5
RHEINMETAL	325.0
RHEINMETAL	431.0
RHE	344.0
RHE P	290.5
SALAMANDER	390.0
SCHERING	780.0
SEL	339.0
SIEMENS	592.7
TISSYSEN	239.0
VARTA	408.0
VEBA	349.0
WE	191.3
VOLESVAGEN	483.6

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
BANK EA	13.90
CATHAY	8.00
CAVENISH	3.17
CHENG K	7.95
CHINA L-P	11.60
DAIRY FARM	705
EVERGO IND	2.05
GT EAGLE	0
H.S. INDEX	487.97
HASC	19
HANG LUNG	4.50
HENDERSON	4.97
HK BANK	5.65
HK ELEC	7.40
HK GAS	16.80
HK LAND	7.55
HK TELECOM	4.70
HK'S HOTEL	4.55
HOPPEL	2.65
HS BANK	19.60
HUTCHINSON	8.10
ITSAN DEV	1.25
JAR MATH	19.70
JSH	11.50
KI BUS	6.90
LAI'S SUN	121
MAMARIN O	0
MARSH	5.80
MEL WORLD	9.40
PAUL & CON	0.96
SHK PROP	10.50
STERLON	2.35
SMIRE A	14.30
TAI CHEUNG	3.82
TV-B	.93
WHAIF	7.45
WINDS	8.60
WORLD INTL	3.47

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	+0.7 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.2 PCT
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.4 PCT	+0.9 PCT	-0.2 PCT	-0.2 PCT
HSSE TRADE	-8.26 BLN	-10.08 BLN	-8.17 BLN	9/15
3RD QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
4TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
5TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
6TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
7TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
8TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
9TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
10TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
11TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
12TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
13TH QTR	474.0	474.0	474.0	474.0
14TH QTR	474.0	474.0</		

Raw deal for educated unemployed

Educated manpower expected to rise to 64m in '90

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: Amidst the proliferating employment schemes, the educated unemployed have been neglected. This, despite their rising numbers. Estimates of educated unemployed vary considerably, according to a newspaper report. The 38th round of National Sample Survey (January-June 1983), states that the number of educated unemployed are 3.7 million.

The Seventh Plan document using the criterion adopted in the Sixth Plan on the basis of 32nd round on NSS states that in 1985, they numbered 4.7 million of which 3.5 million were matriculates and 1.2 million graduates and above. A slightly more revealing picture on the extent of educated unemployed emerges from the 'live registers' of the 840 'employment exchanges' in the country.

Half the number of people registered in the employment exchanges are generally thought to be educated. The data bears out this rule of the thumb estimate. In 1988 (till June), of the total 29.4 million registered,

16.7 million were educated (56.8 per cent). In 1985 this figure was 53 per cent and in 1982, 50 per cent.

In line with expectations, matriculates form the bulk of educated unemployed. In 1988, they numbered 9.7 million or 58 per cent of this segment. Second come those with higher secondary degree (including intermediate or under graduates). They formed 25 per cent of the total (4.2 million). The graduates or post graduates on the live registers were 2.8 million of 17 per cent of the educated unemployed.

The data on the live registers reveal that the employment situation for the educated has remained more or less static in the eighties. The situation has improved albeit marginally for the graduates or post graduates. Their proportion in the pool of educated unemployed has declined from 18.2 per cent in 1982 to 17 per cent in 1985.

It further declined to 16.8 per cent in 1987. In 1988, it however, rose slightly to touch 17 per cent.

Even if we assume that 50 per cent of the educated unemployed

higher secondary graduates has remained stagnant over the years. They accounted for 25.5 per cent of the educated unemployed in 1982, 25.4 per cent in 1983 and 25 per cent in 1987 and 1988. Concurrently the job situation has decelerated for the matriculates. The number of matriculates on the live registers of the employment exchanges has steadily increased from 5.6 million in 1982 (57 per cent) to 8.1 million in 1985 (57.5 per cent) to 9.7 million in 1988 (58 per cent).

This figure would be representative of the national sample, plus or minus a few percentage points, the pool of educated unemployed we are left with is still large. If we apply this 50 per cent yardstick to the 1985 data, there would be seven million educated unemployed on the live registers of the employment exchanges (of the total 14 million registered). As against this the 38th round of NSS claims that the figure is only 3.7 million. The discrepancy is too glaring to be ignored.

The Seventh Plan document has another set of interesting data. In 1985, the stock of educated manpower was put at 31 million. The difference between the two is 17 million. This figure includes not only the unemployed (3.7 million), but also the retired and those who

have opted out of the labour force voluntarily. This still leaves us with a figure of 13 million. It is difficult to believe that such a large body will fall under the classification of retired or not want to work.

In 1990, the educated manpower is expected to rise to 64 million. The economically active manpower will be 42 million. Between 1985-90, thus the

educated manpower will rise by 33.3 per cent, while the economically active manpower will increase by 35 per cent.

Educated unemployed are found in all categories. On the live registers, unemployment is found not only amongst the lowly arts graduates but also among the coveted MBA degree holders, not to mention the doctors and engineers.

Trends in the number of educated jobseekers on the Live Register of the Employment Exchange (1982-1988).

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Graduates (including PGs)	17.8 (18.2)★	19.8 (18.0)	21.6 (17.2)	23.9 (17.1)	28.6 (17.4)	28.1 (16.8)	28.2 (17.0)
Higher secondary (including intermediate/under grads)	24.6 (25.1)	28.2 (25.0)	30.8 (24.5)	35.5 (25.4)	41.5 (25.2)	41.7 (25.0)	41.7 (25.0)
Matriculates	55.6 (56.7)	63.8 (57.0)	72.9 (57.5)	80.5 (57.4)	94.2 (58.2)	97.2 (58.0)	96.7 (58.0)
Total	98.0 (100.0)	111.8 (100.0)	125.3 (100.0)	139.3 (100.0)	164.3 (100.0)	167.0 (100.0)	166.6 (100.0)

* Figures in brackets denote percentage to the total.

+ Up to June 1988.



Good businesses but ...

Marshall Cohen, president and chief executive officer of Canada's Molson Companies Ltd talks to Reuters from his Toronto office on Monday. Cohen told Reuters "all our businesses are good but none of them are such that we could pour all our assets into any single one of those businesses at this point in time." (Reuters wirephoto)

Fed may not ease credit policies

RBI may let rupee slide

BOMBAY, August 29: With the US dollar surging in the international markets the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may be persuaded to let the rupee slide vis-a-vis the dollar in order to encourage exports.

According to foreign-exchange dealers, RBI's support to the rupee at a level of \$6.0000 which has been maintained for the past two months is likely to lessen slightly with the level slipping to \$5.9700.

Dealers observe that the relative stability of the rupee vis-a-vis the dollar in the past two months has made exporters anxious. Should the rupee be allowed to weaken against the dollar, which is gaining ground in international markets, exporters would stand to benefit. As such, dealers feel that RBI might choose to lower its support price. As of now, exporters are hesitant to book contracts in the forward markets for both short and long terms.

Importers, on the other hand, are now being advised to enter into transactions for short, medium and long terms. The benefit in booking at this stage, dealers point out, would be two-fold. Firstly, importers could cash in on the extremely low premiums ruling in the market. Over the past three weeks premiums have dropped to approximately 26 cents (six months) from around 30 cents (six months) in the last week of July. On occasions, the premiums have gone down to even 24 cents (six months).

Secondly, should the RBI let the rupee slide vis-a-vis the dollar, as anticipated, importers would stand to lose, dealers also expect that the premiums would definitely pick up by three or four cents in the next fortnight, to recover from the low which they have touched.

Dealers further observe that during the first week of August, the rupee traded between \$6.0225 and 6.0825 while during the second week it traded in a range of 5.9850 and 6.0300. During the third week, the rupee traded between 5.9800 and 6.0040 with premiums easing to 24.5 cents (for six months). Thus, despite support from the RBI at \$6.0000, international price fluctuations resulted in the floor level being breached on occasions.

The dollar started spurring in the international markets in the week of this month following assumptions that the Federal Reserve Board was unlikely to ease credit policies in the wake of the announcement of low unemployment rates of 5.12 per cent.

It rose sharply in New York following the release of retail sales figures which were up by 0.9 per cent for July as against 0.1 per cent in June, suggesting good demand and consumer recovery. Besides, producer prices fell by 0.4 per cent in July after a decline of 0.1 per cent in June signalling that inflationary pressures had been contained.

In another development the Reserve Bank of India has modified the definition of sick small scale industries (SSI) as the commercial banks have raised certain issues on a circular issued by the RBI on guidelines for rehabilitation of such industries.

"A small scale industrial unit should be considered as sick if it has, at the end of any accounting year, accumulated losses equal to or exceeding 50 per cent of its peak net worth in the immediately preceding five accounting years, according to the credit information review of the RBI."

The RBI said in case of the tiny or decentralised sector also, a unit may be considered sick if it satisfied the above definition. However, in case of such units, if it is difficult to get financial particulars, a unit may be considered sick if it default continuously for a period of one year in the payment of interest or instalments of principal and there are persistent irregularities in the operation of its credit limit with the bank.

The RBI said the above definition of the sick small scale industries may be adopted for the purpose of reporting data from the half-year ending September 1989, while for identifying sick units and formulating a nursing programme, banks should go by this definition with immediate effect.

Banks agree to merge

Japanese move revives consolidation talk



Yasuo Matsushita, President of Taiyo Kobe Bank (left) and Kenichi Suematsu, President of Mitsui Bank, are surrounded by reporters and cameramen after jointly announcing that they had agreed to merge. (Reuters wirephoto)

Economy faces slower growth

LONDON, Aug 29, (Reuters): Britain faces substantially slower economic growth this year and next but the government has apparently turned the corner in its avowed fight against inflation, the country's main employers' group says.

In a report published today, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) expected the economy to grow by just 2.5 per cent this year and 2.3 per cent next year compared with 4.4 per cent in 1988.

Slower growth would bring inflation down to 5.1 per cent by the end of 1990 from the current annual rate of 8.2 per cent.

CBI economist Andrew Sentance said: "The forecasts suggest that it should be possible to get on top of inflation without bringing the economy to a standstill."

But the CBI cautioned that the slowdown could force British companies to cut back investment, thus damaging their chances of competing in international markets.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has made the battle against inflation the government's main economic priority. Last week he said interest rates would remain high until rising prices were firmly under control.

The CBI report forecast that interest rates would remain at 14 per cent until the end of this year, but would ease back to average 12 per cent in 1990.

The opposition Labour Party said the CBI's forecasts showed that British industry had lost confidence and the government's policies had pushed the country to "the brink of recession."

object to Egypt's return to the Arab League and met President Hosni Mubarak on the sidelines of an Arab summit in Morocco in June.

The fair, held regularly since 1952, is one of the biggest trade and commercial events in the Middle East.

Economy, trade and industry ministers and officials from most Arab countries are attending the 19-day fair, during which economic and commercial talks will be held.

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incentives for Arab investment in development projects.

He said the government wanted to promote Syria's economic and commercial co-operation with all Arab states in addition to other foreign countries.

The Syrian economy, Imadi said, showed progress during the last two years with the gross domestic product (GDP) nearly doubling in 1988 as compared with 1987.

He said GDP in 1988 increased by 41 billion Syrian pounds (\$3.6 billion) from that of 1987. He did not give the figure for 1987 but figures issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics put it at 50.94 billion (\$4.34 billion).

The minister said oil exploration results were encouraging, adding that drilling would start in late 1989 and early 1990 in several areas where hydrocarbons were found in commercial quantities.

Oil industry sources say that Syria's oil production would increase to about 450,000 barrels per day by the end of 1989. A large part of the oil is light crude.

Imadi said Syrian exports in the first six months of 1989 totalled 14.8 billion Syrian pounds (\$1.32 billion) — against exports of 15.1 billion pounds (\$1.6 billion) for the whole of 1988.

The complex, which will process mineral resources from the Dead Sea, will cost around \$6.25 billion to complete and will be built with substantial private sector participation.

Damascus fair opens with Egypt taking part

DAMASCUS, Aug 29, (Reuters): The 36th Damascus international trade fair opened yesterday with Egypt taking part for the first time in over 10 years.

Nazem Al Hafez, the fair's director-general, welcomed the return of Egypt to the event in 29 Arab and foreign countries and many international companies are participating.

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thereafter, in accordance with the relevant rules applicable at the Kuwait securities market.

The primary KD bond market for local and foreign companies and institutions witnessed one local bond issuance in 1988 when the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) managed a new issue of bonds for the Kuwait Real Estate Bank, at a value of KD10 million and an interest rate of 6.75 per cent, maturing in 1991. As for the secondary market of these bonds, the value of bonds traded in 1988 reached KD5.091 million, distributed over 31 transactions, against KD4.764 million distributed over 35 transactions in the previous year, an increase of 6.9 per cent in the trading value and a decrease of 11.4 per cent in the number of transactions.

On the other hand, trading in the bonds of the Industrial Bank of Kuwait and the bonds of the Kuwait Real Estate Bank was suspended due to the early redemption of these bonds by the

Regulatory efforts aim to improve securities market

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During 1988 the market management adopted some organisational procedures pertinent to the parallel market, among which were the decision suspending parallel market activity as from January 2, 1989 and the setting up of a committee to study the possibility of establishing a new parallel market, according to new rules and regulations aiming at developing the market's performance.

On another level, parallel market activity during 1988 was characterized by a marked decline (28 per cent) in the value of traded shares, as compared with the previous year.

Meanwhile, the other two indicators of market activity, volume of traded shares and number of transactions, increased by 5.6 per cent and 1 per cent respectively during the same period. This wide difference in the performance of the above three indicators was

borrower (issuer). These bonds totalled KD20 million, bearing an interest rate of 9.25 per cent and 8.25 per cent respectively.

The capital market is expected to witness during the forthcoming period an increasing regulatory concern aimed at developing the market capabilities to play a more active role in the service of the domestic economy by creating investment opportunities to attract national investments.

At present, the concerned authorities are preparing a law authorizing companies to establish investment, financial and real estate funds in the local market, due to the important role played by these funds in attracting the savings of individuals and institutions and their ability to manage these savings through various investment shares in the securities market. Further, these funds would make the secondary market more dynamic and develop it in the required direction.

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Born to rock

Bruce Springsteen — video anthology

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, the American superstar is one of rock music's top five greatest live performers of all time. His early reputation was built not so much on recorded success, but more on stage craft, on his ability to occupy a stage for four or five hours in front of thirty to fifty thousand people and to give these people something they don't often get in these days of M.T.V. 12" remix dub-versions or B-sided singles and that's a straight-forward, comprehensive unmatched Rock 'n' Roll show.

As a singer, songwriter, performer, Springsteen has easily surpassed his contemporaries leaving most of them to stand in awe of his talent. Three dominant words can be used in describing the Springsteen phenomenon — honesty, dedication and magic. There is a total sincerity about the man, a sense of 'nothing but real' about him.

On stage, he is the ultimate performer. His endurance seems super-human his four hour plus concerts are enough to put anyone else to shame! He communicates with twenty or fifty thousand people as if he knew each one personally. There is infinite trust between performer and audience; a mutual bond that reaches its peak when Bruce jumps from the stage to the arena floor to become part of the crowd.

Since 1984, after the mega-selling success of the 'Born in The USA' album, Springsteen has been exposed to tremendous publicity and his following has grown to almost frightening proportions, yet somehow he remains unjaded by success, unaffected by popularity. Springsteen has not lost with reality, and in an entertainment industry filled with synthetic personalities and fabricated idols, that in itself is an important achievement.



Bruce Springsteen

This one and half hours long collection offers 18 of the best Springsteen songs including My Hometown, The River, Born in the USA, Brilliant Disguise, Tougher Than the Rest, etc. Perhaps the best from the lot is the 'Dancing in the Dark' video which shows why he is considered one of rock's best dancers. There are two different versions of 'Born to Run' the second is an acoustic version introduced to his audience with a brilliant account of how he wrote the song (in 1974) and the meaning behind it. The musical interplay between Springsteen and his band mates — the E-Street Band — is itself a treat to watch.

The video captures the finest moments of one of rock's greatest sons.

The last couple of years have seen a resurgence of interest in rock music, especially heavy metal. Bands like Pink Floyd, Whitesnake, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Inxs have enjoyed a lot of chart success in the international pop charts.

Customer demand prompts 'The Video Club' to release 'Top Rock Vol I', a compilation of rock songs featuring all the above mentioned artists and more.

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ROLLS-ROYCE engines have, for the first time, been selected to power Airbus Industrie aircraft, following a contract signed by Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways for the purchase of up to 20 twin-engine widebody A330s. The deal is worth up to \$2.2 billion.

Under the terms of the contract, Cathay Pacific has placed ten firm A330 orders and taken options on a further ten. The airline will begin receiving the aircraft in January 1995 and will use them on regional routes. Each plane will seat 315 passengers in a three-class layout.

Cathay Pacific's A330s will be the first aircraft to be powered by the new 67,500 LB/50,000 KN Rolls-Royce Trent engine — the new name for the RB211-524.

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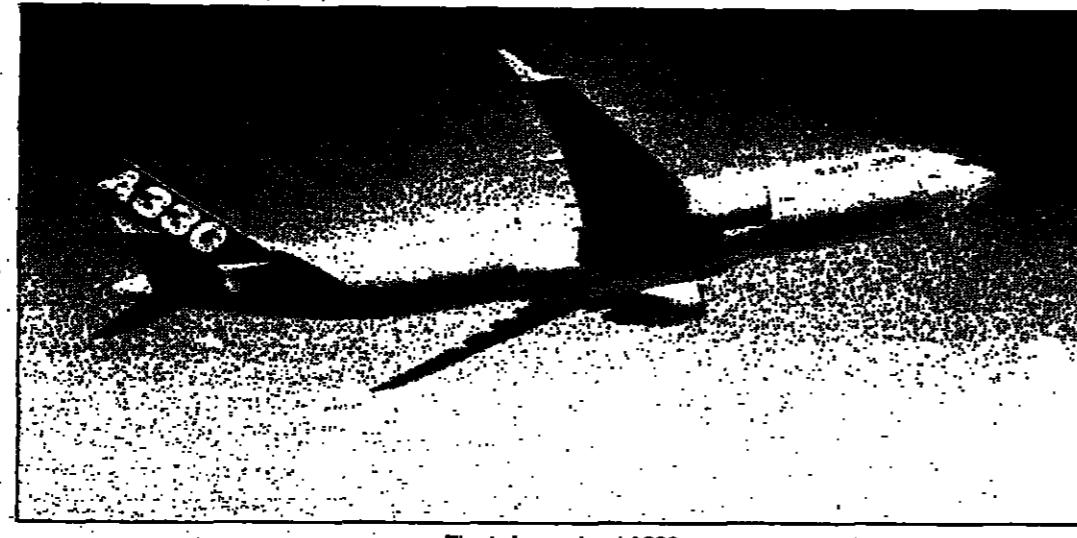
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0802 Songs and Music
0830 News in English
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Song and Music
1030 The Years of Pop
1100 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Bechtaren Qaul
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Sabah-e-Nau
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

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FIFA pleased with work at Italian stadiums

TURIN, Italy, Aug 29 (Reuters): FIFA inspectors said yesterday they were pleased with improvement work at Italian stadiums ahead of the 1990 World Cup finals.

But they advised countries bidding to stage the finals in the future that they could learn from

the Italian experience.

"If they come to Italy they will realise the complexity of the work and the problems they will have in improvement work at Italian stadiums," said Hermann Neuberger, FIFA vice-president.

"I think that afterwards many of them would withdraw," Neuberger said he was

"pleasantly surprised" at progress in building a new 70,000-seat stadium in Turin after fears earlier this year that the deadline for completion might not be met.

Local officials said they hoped the Turin stadium would be completed by the end of January, well before a final FIFA inspection in

March.

Visiting Milan earlier yesterday, Neuberger said he was very satisfied with improvement work at the San Siro stadium, venue of the opening match of the finals on June 8.

Improvements at some sites and the construction of essential

broadcasting centres have suffered repeated delays because of bureaucracy and political rows at local government level.

The FIFA inspectors will also visit stadiums in Florence, Naples, Palermo and Rome during their two-day tour.

'Athens should get 1996 Games'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug 29 (Reuter): The 1996 Olympics should go to Athens by right, the head of the Greek capital's bidding delegation told a news conference yesterday.

Miltiadis Evert, the health minister and former mayor of Athens, said: "We feel we have a right to the Games. We owe it to history. The spirit of the Olympic idea must come back to Greece."

Delegations from five of the six cities bidding for the 1996 Games have converged on San Juan during a series of International Olympic Committee (IOC) meetings this week.

The five are Athens (Greece), Atlanta (US), Manchester (Britain), Melbourne (Australia) and Toronto (Canada).

IOC officials were unable to explain the absence of a delegation from the sixth candidate, Belgrade, which had been scheduled to join the other cities in presenting their bids at a series of news conferences.

"Athens is the sentimental favourite for the 1996 Games which will mark the centenary of the first Modern Olympics, held in the Greek capital in 1896."

Greece was the birth place of the Olympic idea 2,300 years ago, and Sunday's presentation emphasised the country's continuing Olympic traditions.

Evert, who was accompanied in San Juan by a delegation of 30, stressed that the Athens bid had the unanimous support of all political parties in Greece.

He said 70 per cent of the necessary sports facilities already existed and that plans to improve the city's infrastructure would be implemented even if the bid failed.

The Greek government has said that about \$2 billion would be budgeted for the Games. Evert said about two-thirds of the money would come from private funding.

A video shown during the news conference provided an ironic link with the Atlanta presentation which followed.

It showed American Roger Kingdom, the 110-metres hurdles world record-holder, taking part in an athletics meeting in the Greek capital.

At the end Kingdom said how much he enjoyed competing in Athens and added: "I hope you get the Olympics in 1996."

Kingdom comes from a small town in the US state of Georgia, only a bus ride away from Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

The head of the Atlanta bid committee, Billy Payne, said the city already had a very strong infrastructure and needed only three additional building projects to stage athletics, swimming and cycling.

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League Cup

LONDON, Aug 29, (Reuters): Result of an English League Cup first round, second leg soccer match yesterday: Port Vale 1, Walsall 0. (Port Vale win 3-1 on aggregate).

Cubs crush Astros

Mets overcome Dodgers

NEW YORK, Aug 29, (AP): Greg Maddux pitched a six-inning game and Shawon Dunston hit a two-run double in Chicago's four-run yesterday as the Cubs beat the Houston Astros 6-1.

Houston, which made three errors, lost for the sixth time in seven games. Chicago won for the third time in four games.

Maddux, 15-10, won for the ninth time in 12 decisions, striking out four and walking two in his sixth complete game.

Braves 5, Pirates 2.

Pete Smith beat Pittsburgh for the first time in six career decisions, and Jeff Blauser hit his third home run in three games as Atlanta defeated the Pirates.

Cardinals 3, Reds 2.

Pedro Guerrero's two-out, two-run single capped a three-run eighth inning, giving St Louis a victory over the Cincinnati Reds, the Cardinals' 11th in their last 15 games.

Guerrero drove in his 89th and 90th runs with a hit off Rob Dibble, 7-4, after Cincinnati rookie Scott Scudder carried a four-hitter and a 2-0 lead into the ninth. Scudder left after Todd Zeile grounded out, and Denny Walling doubled pinch-hitting for John Costello, 3-2. Todd Worrell pitched the final inning for his 20th save.

Willie McGee's single gave a double, sending Walling to third. Ozzie Smith grounded a single to right to score Walling. Milt Thompson struck out before Guerrero drove in a 1-2 pitch over shortstop.

Padres 9, Expos 4.

Jack Clark hit a pair of three-run homers and Andy Benes won

his second straight start as San Diego defeated Montreal for its fifth straight victory.

The Padres moved within seven games of National League West leader San Francisco. The third-place Expos fell three games behind the Chicago Cubs in the East.

Phillies 9, Giants 1.

Charlie Hayes homered and drove in four runs as the Philadelphia Phillies handed the Giants' Kirk Reuschel his worst defeat in two seasons.

Reuschel, 15-6, gave up seven runs and seven hits in 2 1/3 innings, his worst outing since giving up seven runs to the Los

Angeles Dodgers on Oct 1, 1987. Ken Howell, 11-9, won his second straight game and has given up only two earned runs and six hits in his last 16 innings. He allowed five hits in eight innings.

Mets 1, Dodgers 0.

Frank Viola pitched a three-hitter to win baseball's first-ever duel of defending Cy Young Award winners as the New York beat Orel Hershiser and Los Angeles.

It was Viola's first complete game in the National League. The loss was the fourth straight for Hershiser, 14-10, for whom the Dodgers have scored only

four runs in that span. The game's only run came in on Gregg Jefferies' third-inning single, a grand slam and Howard Johnson's RBI single.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak by the Mets, who are 3 and 1-2 games behind the Chicago Cubs in the National League East.

Twins 5, Mariners 4.

Seattle lost its club-record tying 12th straight game as Kirby Puckett doubled home Dan Gladden with two outs in the 10th inning to lift Minnesota over the Mariners.

The loss tied Seattle's 12-game losing streak set in August 1980.

Seattle last won on Aug 15, a 2-0 victory over Texas. The twins have won six straight.

With one out in the 10th, Wally Backman singled and was forced at second on Gladden's grounder to third before Puckett doubled up the right-centre field gap against reliever Mike Schoeler, 1-5.

Jeff Reardon, 5-3, who blew a save opportunity in the ninth, retired Seattle in order in the 10th inning for the victory.

Seattle rallied with two outs in the top of the ninth off Reardon to tie the score 4-4. Harold Reynolds singled and as scored on Greg Briley's double.

Results
American League
Oakland 7 New York 3
Boston 6 Detroit 3
Milwaukee 8 Toronto 2
Minnesota 5 Seattle 4
National League
New York 1 Los Angeles 0
Atlanta 5 Pittsburgh 2
St Louis 3 Cincinnati 2
Chicago 6 Houston 1
San Diego 9 Montreal 4



Hershiser: Fourth straight loss

Portisch defeats Salov

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug 29, (AP): Lajos Portisch of Hungary moved up to share third place in the chess World Cup after the completion of all adjourned games yesterday.

Portisch defeated Valery Salov of the Soviet Union in a marathon 91-move battle when play resumed in their adjourned game from the ninth round.

After a 30-minute break, Salov returned to complete his unfinished 11th round game with British grandmaster John Nunn. Their endgame was agreed drawn on the 74th move.

With four rounds remaining, world chess champion Garry Kasparov and the former titleholder Anatoly Karpov, both Soviets, are tied in first with seven points of a possible 11.

Portisch, Yasser Seirawan of the United States and British grandmaster Nigel Short are all tied for third with six and a half points.

The World Cup is a series of six tournaments featuring the world's top 25 grandmasters and a total prize fund of \$1.2 million.

Widely regarded as the second most important chess

event after the individual world championship cycle, this final leg of the World Cup is the third strongest tournament ever held.

Karpov needs to win all four of his final games to catch Kasparov in the series.

But a victory here would be an important breakthrough for Karpov, 38, who held the world title for 10 years before losing it to Kasparov in 1985.

Since 1981, Kasparov, 26, who lives in Baku, capital of the southern Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, has won outright or tied first in every tournament where he has competed.

They include the highest ranked of all time, a four-man competition in Amsterdam last year, and a six-player event in Brussels, Belgium in 1987, the second strongest tournament in history.

In a highly favourable endgame, Portisch eventually thrust forward a pawn on the queenside. With no option but to sacrifice a Bishop to stop the pawn from promoting to a queen, Salov resigned.

Nunn and Salov had adjourned in complex endgame position involving queens and pawns.

Own opinion

Menem to play basketball

CINCINNATI, Aug 29, (AP): Peter Rose says baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti double-crossed him in saying he bet on ballgames.

But Giamatti yesterday said the agreement under which he banned Rose from the game for life does not prohibit Giamatti from stating his opinion that Rose bet on baseball. Giamatti emphasised at a news conference Thursday that the statement was his opinion, not an official finding by major-league baseball.

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Menem would make good on a public promise to play in the fund-raising match to raise funds for the poor.

Manen, 59, last month played a 90-minute televised soccer match as captain of Argentina's world champion squad against a team of professional players, many of them less than half his age, before a crowd of 40,000

people.

The presidency's press chief, Adalberto Diaz Garcia, told Reuters yesterday that the basketball game was not on the official agenda but he said Menem would make good on a public promise to play in the fund-raising match.

The charismatic peronist president, who took office on July 8 amid his country's worst ever economic crisis, is an avid tennis player who also likes to race cars and pilot planes.

Then I went back to the States for just over a month and I was revising like mad to prepare for some examinations. The next university semester starts on Wednesday, the day of the 110 metres final here, so I will be behind with the work again very soon.

Kingdom plans to use his financial expertise to develop a sports marketing business when he retires from sport. He says the sociology already helps him deal with the social work he does for charities.

But for the next three years his mind is set firmly on the track.

With a daily training schedule which resembles the work pat-

tern of an average undergraduate, he hopes to be the first hurdler to win three gold medals at consecutive Olympics.

Like a student settling down to late-night revision, Kingdom's

favourite time to train is between nine o'clock in the evening and midnight when he can get the peace and quiet to work hard at his technique.

"I like going to the track dur-

McDonald announces retirement

CALGARY, Alberta, Aug 29, (Reuter): Long-serving forward Lanny McDonald announced his retirement yesterday from the Canadian Hockey League.

McDonald, 36, fought back tears as he announced his decision at a party at his rural home west of Calgary. He moves into management with the Stanley Cup champions as vice-president of corporate and community relations.

McDonald joined the Flames in 1981 after stints with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Colorado Rockies. In his 16-year career he scored 500 goals and made 506 assists.

McDonald played in four All-Star games and holds the Flames record for most goals in a season, 66 in 1982-83.

The man with the red walrus whiskers last season made a key contribution in the last game of the final series against the Montreal Canadiens by scoring the go-ahead goal in the second period. He had been benched for three games before that.

The 24-year-old Brazilian, who ran a year's best of 19.96 seconds in a crushing victory over six-times Olympic champion Carl Lewis in Brussels last Friday, defied cold, windy condi-

tions to win the final easily in a wind-assisted 20.33 seconds.

Da Silva, unbeaten over the distance this year, cruised through the first 100 metres before accelerating smoothly away from the field off the bend to finish ahead of Felix Stevens of Cuba.

Afterwards he said: "I have raced 22 times this year and I'm really tired, it doesn't matter where I race, and what competition it is, my belief is I can win. I'm looking forward to jumping in the World Cup next month, and I believe I can win it."

First goal

ROME, Aug 29, (UPI): Italian Soccer League First Division newcomer Giovanni Struppa of AC Milan will be collecting 700 bottles of fine Abruzzi wine this week after scoring the first goal of the season on the opener on Sunday.

Strongest line-up

COPENHAGEN, Aug 29, (UPI): Denmark will be able to muster its strongest line-up for a soccer game against

Robson to rely on old guard

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuter): England manager Bobby Robson said today he would rely on the players who steered his side through a 10-match unbeaten run last season for next week's World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden.

Robson's 22-man squad for the September 6 match in Stockholms contained no surprises.

Chelsea goalkeeper Dave Beasant was recalled as deputy for the injured Chris Woods but players overlooked included Steve Bull of Wolverhampton Wanderers, who scored on his full international debut against Scotland in May, and Everton's Tony Cottee.

The squad includes three players who made big-money moves during the close season: Marseille's \$6-million Chris Waddle, his Tottenham replacement Gary Lineker and Manchester United's new midfielder Neil Webb.

England, who have yet to concede a goal in the qualifying round, lead European Group Two with seven points, two ahead of Sweden who have a game in hand.

Squad: Peter Shilton, David Seaman, Dave Beasant, Gary Stevens, Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Tony Adams, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Dorigo, Neil Webb, Bryan Robson, Steve Hodge, Steve McManaman, David Rocastle, Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker, Nigel Clough, Alan Smith, Peter Bearnsley, Chris Waddle, John Barnes.

Age limit for footballers already certain

ROME, Aug. 29. (Reuter): The 1992 Olympic soccer tournament will be limited to footballers under the age of 23, International Football Federation (FIFA) secretary-general Joseph Blatter said today.

Blatter told reporters an International Olympic Committee (IOC) decision on the age limit at its meeting in Puerto Rico this week was a formality.

"It's already certain. For the 1992 Barcelona Olympics football will be reserved for those under 23," said Blatter. In Rome to inspect work on Italian stadiums for the 1990 World Cup finals.

"I confirm that the only criteria will be that of age," he added.

The IOC and FIFA have been in dispute over eligibility for the soccer tournament in Barcelona for more than a year.

FIFA wants an age limit to avoid the risk of the event becoming a rival to the World Cup finals but the IOC is concerned that such a restriction would put soccer out of step with other Olympic sports.

Transfer fee

London, Aug. 29. (Reuter): Scotland's Glasgow Rangers were told today to pay Everton a record £1.53 million (\$2.4 million) for the services of England midfielder Trevor Steven.

The fee, the highest ever set by the English Football League transfer tribunal, was £525,000 (\$828,000) more than Ranger's offer but nowhere near Everton's valuation of £4 million (\$6.3 million).

Steven, 25, is regarded as one of the best right-sided midfielders in Britain.



Noah returns a shot to Rive. (Reuter wirephoto)



Wilander slams a forehand to Skoff. (Reuter wirephoto)



Graf slams a backhand return. (Reuter wirephoto)

Becker crushes Pate in opener

McEnroe and Noah reach 2nd round

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (Agencies): Boris Becker cleared his first hurdle and had another potential stumbling block removed yesterday at the US Open tennis championships.

Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion, trounced American David Pate 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 in his opening match at Louis Armstrong stadium as he began a campaign to win his first Grand Slam title on a surface other than grass.

"He attacks a lot, so to lose only five games is pretty good," the West German said after his 98-minute victory.

Becker, for one, was happy to see Gilbert go as he had lost four out of five times to him and was seeded to meet him in the quarterfinals.

The eighth-seeded Gilbert, suffering from an upset stomach and diarrhoea, was sent home for a rest by unseeded Todd Witsken who kept pounding ground-strokes past his beleaguered fellow-American for a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 win.

Wilander, whose decline from last year's peak is reflected in his No. 5 seeding, crushed Austria's Horst Skoff 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 after Graf beat Etsuko Inoue of Japan 6-3, 6-1. McEnroe ran off a comfortable 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 victory over France's Eric Winogradsky.

McEnroe, seeded fourth, served 13 aces with only four double faults. He dropped his serve once during the 2 hour and 26 minute contest.

Graf, the near-invincible West German, and Wilander have followed contrasting paths since winning at Flushing Meadow.

By defeating Ivan Lendl in the 1988 final for his third Grand Slam crown of the year, Wilander elevated himself to the world No. 1 ranking, a position he could hold for merely 20 weeks. The 25-year-old Swede has failed to win a tournament this year, reaching only one final.

"I haven't really struggled,"

Wilander said. "Four the first few months after that (the US Open) I didn't really feel like playing. I wanted to enjoy being No. 1 and then I lost a few matches, one too many."

Wilander, who lost to Skoff in five sets in a Davis Cup match in April, took the first five games yesterday and was never in trouble, breaking service twice in each set.

Graf became only the sixth player ever to complete the Grand Slam when she defeated Gabriela Sabatini in the 1988 Open final and, unlike Wilander, hasn't slipped a set.

Her triumph over Inoue in the opening match of the championships on center court was her 62nd in 64 matches this year and brought Graf's two-year match total to 134-5.

Graf was extended a bit more than expected, actually dropping her service once and requiring 54 minutes to complete her day's work.

The four games won by Inoue, ranked No. 62, were one more than she had managed against Graf in two previous contests.

"I thought I rushed a bit too much," Graf said. "I was not patient in waiting for the right shot and I missed a lot of forehands."

No. 10 seed Alberto Mancini of Argentina overcame Jonathan Carter 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. No. 14 Aaron Krickstein beat Richard Matuszki 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, and Yannick Noah of France beat Joey Rive of the United

States 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Among the women, No. 5 Zina Garrison defeated Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-1. No. 7 Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria beat Marianne Werdel 6-4, 6-3. No. 12 Monica Seles of Yugoslavia ousted Anne Henriksson 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. No. 13 Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union struggled past Pascale Paradis of France 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), and No. 15 Conchita Martinez of Spain beat Sandra Birch 6-3, 6-2.

McEnroe's draw is favourable, his first real challenge expected to come in the fourth round against 14th-seeded fellow-American Aaron Krickstein.

Three weeks ago, McEnroe extended his unbeaten record against Krickstein to 4-0 in winning the Indianapolis title.

In the quarterfinals McEnroe is seeded to face Wilander. At Wimbledon this year, McEnroe beat Wilander in the quarterfinals to improve his career record to 7-6 against the Swede.

Results

Women's singles, first round: Larisa Sushenko (Soviet Union) beat 9-Pam Shriver (US) 6-2, 6-3. Wendy White (US) beat 10-Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 6-4, 6-3. Gigi Fernandez (US) beat Amanda Coetzer (South Africa) 6-3, 6-3. Cathy Caverzasio (Italy) beat Mary Lou Daniels (US) 6-3, 6-4. Laura Gilremaster (Peru) beat Nicole Prosa (Australia) 7-0 (7-5) 7-5. Mariana Mato (Argentina) first round: 6-Andre Agassi (US) beat Robbie Weiss (US) 6-3, 6-7 (5-7) 6-0. Glem Michibata (Canada) beat Brad Dreyfuss (Australia) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.



Becker jumps into the air to hit a shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

England gain draw in final Test

Australia's tour ends in anti-climax

London, Aug. 29. (Reuter): Australia's victorious tour of England ended in relative anti-climax at the Oval today when the sixth and final Test against England ended in a draw.

England, left to survive a minimum of 67 overs in the final two sessions, were 143 for 4 when bad light intervened in the final hour to save them any further embarrassment.

Robin Smith was unbeaten on 77 but England's other leading batsmen were again dismissed cheaply as the Australian attack made a determined bid to force a 4-0 series win.

Terry Alderman dismissed Essex openers John Stephenson and Graham Gooch with only 27 runs on the board to take his tally for the series to 41, making him the first bowler in history to take over 40 wickets in a series twice.

Alderman, who took 42 wickets in the 1981 series, was duly named as Australia's Man of the Series.

Dean Jones, voted Man of the Match, and captain Allan Border then hit breezy half centuries enabling Australia to declare at 219 for four, setting England a

pondent England captain David Gower into a rash slash outside off stump to give Steve Waugh a diving catch in the gully.

Gower had made only seven but Smith again provided spirited resistance in company with all-rounder David Capel.

Capel went for 17, caught prodding forward against leg-spinner Trevor Hohns, but Jack Russell, named as England's Man of the Series, kept Smith company until the umpires conferred about the light and took the players off.

Australia had earlier batted through the entire morning session to remove any prospect of a series win.

Mark Taylor took his series run aggregate to 839, leaving only Don Bradman (1974) and Wally Hammond (1905) ahead of him in the all-time list, before he was caught behind by Jack Russell's off Gladstone Small for 48.

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theoretical target of 403.

Gower said today he would like to continue as England's cricket captain for next year's tour of the West Indies.

Gower has been under increasing pressure during England's dismal performance against Australia which ended in a 4-0 defeat in the six-Test series.

But he insisted he had no thoughts of resignation and would be available, if selected, to lead the side to the Caribbean.

"I am not going to make any rash statements now," he said after the final Test at the Oval had ended in a draw.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 468 (D. Jones 122, A. Border 78, M. Taylor 71, D. Pringle four for 70).

ENGLAND first innings 285 (D. Gower 79, G. Small 58 T. Alderman five for 66).

Australia second innings (overnight for 27 for one)

M. Taylor c Russell b Small 48

G. Marsh lbw b Iglesias 4

D. Boon run out 37

A. Border not out 51

D. Jones b Capel 50

S. Waugh not out 7

Extras (2 b 1 lb 7 nb 13) 22

Total (for four wickets, declared) 219

Bowling: Small 20-4-57-1, Iglesias 13-15-51, Capel 8-35-1, Pringle 16-0-53-0, Cook 6-10-0.

England second innings

G. Gooch c and b Alderman 10

J. Stephenson lbw b Alderman 11

M. Atherton b Lawson 14

R. Smith not out 77

D. Gower c Waugh b Lawson 7

D. Capel c Taylor b Hohns 17

J. Russell not out 0

Extras (10 b 1 lb 5) 7

Total (for five wickets) 143

Fall of wickets: 1-20-27-31-47-13-138

Bowling: Alderman 13-3-30-2, Lawson 15-1-41-2, Hughes 8-2-34-0, Hohns 10-2-37-1.

Result: match drawn

First Test: Headingly — Australia won by 210 runs

Second Test: Lord's — Australia won by six wickets

Third Test: Edgbaston — match drawn

Fourth Test: Old Trafford — Australia won by nine wickets

Fifth Test: Trent Bridge — Australia won by an innings and 180 runs.

Australia win series 4-0.

ROME, Aug. 29. (Reuter): FIFA have received no formal request to exclude soccer star Diego Maradona from the 1990 World Cup and could not intervene in the affair unless first approached by his Napoli club, officials said.

Italian Soccer Federation president Antonio Martarese last week threatened to punish Maradona for his refusal to return to Naples by asking FIFA, the sport's governing body, to exclude the Argentine World Cup captain from the competition finals.

Asked about the Maradona affair during an inspection of Italian World Cup stadiums today, FIFA (International Federation of Football Association) secretary-general Joseph Blatter told journalists: "We cannot intervene directly. We must first wait for a report from (Maradona's club).

Blatter said FIFA had received no such report or request from either Napoli or the Italian Soccer Federation. But he added that he privately regretted the "unpleasant situation" created by Maradona's dispute with the UEFA Cup holders.

Maradona said in an interview with Italian television yesterday that he would return to Italy from Argentina by the end of this week but would need about a month to get match fit.

Napoli, who twice this month extended Maradona's holiday, have started disciplinary proceedings against the 28-year-old striker who missed last Sunday's start of the Italian League championship.

Italian sport papers today reported that Maradona had remained in Argentina because he was furious at Napoli's outright refusal to consider a transfer bid from French champions Marseille in June.

The sources said that the two officials discussed the recent dispute between KFA and FIFA and it appears a settlement has been reached.

The sources added that the FIFA may now agree to increase the number of football teams to take part in the Peace and Friendship Cup competition from eight to 12. The championship will be hosted by Kuwait in October.

World Cup chess

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 29. (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov defeated Soviet grandmaster Rafaik Vasserman in the 12th round of the final leg, while his nearest rival, former world champion Anatoly Karpov, could only draw with fellow Soviet Mikhail Tal in the Chess World Cup today.

Evert re-elected

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (Reuter): Chris Evert, who is ending her reign as one of the best players in women's tennis, will continue to lead the women's game off the court. Evert has been elected president of the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) for a record eighth term, WITA announced yesterday.

Sullivan wins

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug. 29. (AP): Dennis Sullivan of Colorado Springs — a three-time mauler in the last six years — defeated defending champion Ray Hietber of El Paso, Texas, yesterday in the first round of the 30th Annual World Senior Golf Championships.

Basketball players